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Tensions revealed in leaked letter

Spending cuts call defended by Portillo

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A SIMMERING dispute between Cabinet ministers over the Government's plans to cut taxes and public spending was stoked by Michael Portillo yesterday as he defended his attack on Michael Heseltine's interventionist policies.

In a highly unusual move the new Employment Secretary virtually confirmed leaks that a fortnight ago, as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, he had embarked on an effort to dismantle Mr Heseltine's £400 million network of support for British industry.

The Treasury announced last night that it is to conduct an inquiry into how the letter from Mr Portillo to Mr Heseltine was leaked.

While Mr Heseltine stayed silent about the new evidence of an ideological divide in the Government, Mr Portillo pleased his supporters on the Right both by the tone of his letter to the President of the Board of Trade and by his eagerness to explain its background.

In the leaked letter, Mr Portillo criticised Mr Heseltine for failing to suggest any cuts in his departmental budget that could offer room for tax cuts. He called on Mr Heseltine to consider ending regional assistance grants worth £135 million, the "launch aid" programme of risk-sharing investment in the aerospace industry, all support for shipbuilding and the £20 million backing for an independent UK space programme.

John Major, who is on a visit to Poland, dismissed talk of a Cabinet rift, saying: "The difference between examining matters and making decisions is very wide."



Portillo: questions over Heseltine's spending

But the episode again fuelled suspicions that Cabinet ministers on the Right of the party are having to push hard for serious cuts in existing budgets, essential for the tax cuts they believe will be needed to win the next election.

In his statement yesterday Mr Portillo said that the fundamental spending reviews, of which his scrutiny of the Trade and Industry Department's budget was part, had been established by the Prime Minister.

Its aim was to examine thoroughly every department's budget to see whether projects could be handled better elsewhere, or dropped altogether by the Government. "As Chief Secretary, I pursued that programme of work," Mr Portillo said.

He emphasised that discussions between spending departments and the Treasury did not imply decisions had been made by the Government "but a healthy and appropriate debate about the proper role of Government".

Mr Major appeared to side with Mr Portillo. Downing Street defended his exercise saying: "If you have a fundamental review, you ask fundamental questions."

The DTI pointedly declined to comment on the tone of Mr Portillo's letter, and said that his decision to issue a statement was "a matter for his own judgment".

In the letter Mr Portillo said Mr Heseltine had offered only one area for cutbacks — one that had already been suspended. "Nowhere in your department's report is it suggested that the best help we can give to business is to get taxes down or control public spending," he wrote. "Nowhere is the assumption that it is the Government's proper task to intervene in the functioning of free markets actually questioned."

There were unsubstantiated allegations in Whitehall and Westminster yesterday that the letter had been leaked by the DTI to discredit Mr Portillo and to spike the guns of his successor as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Jonathan Aitken.

But at 6pm yesterday Treasury officials said the DTI was "co-operating fully" with its inquiry. Senior managers in both departments will interview officials who had access to the letter.

John Townend, chairman of the Tory backbench finance

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ROBERT HOWARTH



Firefighters inspecting Norwich Central Library which was gutted by flames early yesterday, destroying many of the county's historic documents

100,000 books lost in library inferno

BY STAFF REPORTERS

MORE than 100,000 books were destroyed yesterday in the most serious fire to ravage any major library in Britain. Flames swept through Norwich Central Library, leaving a carpet of ashes where books had once lined shelves.

Some of the two million items in store were drenched in the rescue operation and the fate of 250,000 other volumes in the library's tower, which could not be reached after the blaze, is unknown. However, thousands of volumes dating back to 1750, which provided a unique history of Norfolk, were among the casualties.

Smoke could be seen 20 miles away and it took 35 fire engines and a crew of 65 several hours to control the blaze. The entire lending and reference sections was burnt, with the loss of at least 95 per cent of the local history books. Much of the material is irreplaceable.

A spokesman for Norwich Police said investigations were still under way into the cause of the blaze. "We suspect it was some type of gas leak," he said.

The fire started early yesterday while cleaners arrived for work. As a caretaker switched on the lights, he was thrown backwards by a blast that blew out all the windows. Nobody was injured. Early reports suggested that an electrical fault in the building — refitted at a cost of £380,000 earlier this year — was to blame. Fire investigation teams and salvage crews were working through the night, turning over smouldering papers in an attempt to rescue books and papers.

Hilary Hammond, director of arts and libraries for Norfolk County Council, said that discovering what had been lost, or even what was missing, was virtually impossible since the library catalogues had been destroyed.

Initial fears that medieval documents had been burnt were dispelled. All the most valuable manuscripts were stored in the basement, which was untouched by the flames. Some damage is likely to have been caused, however, by water seeping from the roof.

Many people stood in tears as they watched efforts to extinguish the fire. Local removal companies lent vans to take away the the dripping manuscripts and others offered storage facilities. The priority was to freeze books damaged by smoke and water to prevent any further deterioration in their condition.

Mr Hammond said the installation of a sprinkler system had been ruled out after "careful discussion" with the fire services because of the high incidence of false alarms. The library was built in 1963 and is used by 730,000 people a year. The building is fully insured, but the first £250,000 will be paid by the county council's own insurance fund.

Mark Hazell, a spokesman for the Theatre Royal in Norwich, which is across the road from the library, said: "The building looks gutted. There is a lot of smoke blackening around the windows."

He said that at one point there had been fears that a change in the direction of the wind could blow the flames over the road. The theatre has just undergone a £3.75 million refurbishment and two previous theatres on the site have been burnt down, one in the 1820s and another in the 1930s.

Argentina to join US in invasion of Haiti

BY DAVID ADAMS

ARGENTINA is to send troops to join a planned American-led invasion of Haiti, President Menem announced yesterday. He is the first leader to offer to participate.

Señor Menem said his government would seek congressional approval to send up to 600 troops to join the proposed mission, which the United Nations Security Council authorised last Sunday. Guido Di Tella, the Argentine Foreign Minister, said the operation "will act as a dissuasive element against the military government".

Officials explained that the government hoped to push the proposal through quickly, but sources believe it could take from two weeks to 40 days.

Emilio Cárdenas, Argentina's Ambassador to the UN, said his country would send two marine and two infantry companies. He pointed out that the *Guerrico*, an Argentine warship with a crew of 150, had been sailing with the US embargo fleet off Haiti for almost a year, adding: "We believe that democracy is important and that the UN Security Council's credibility is at stake."

Diplomats say that, while some Latin American countries have expressed public opposition to an invasion of Haiti, most countries privately believe it to be necessary.

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Base rates held steady

The threat of an imminent rise in bank base rates receded yesterday after the Bank of England indicated that they would be held steady. The City had been driven into turmoil on Friday by the Bank's handling of the weekly Treasury bill tender when it accepted bids 0.5 percentage points higher than the 5.25 base rate. The rate confirmation triggered a sharp fall in the pound.....Page 23

Briton killed by Kenya thieves

A British woman, Caron Winter, 30, was bludgeoned to death and her husband, Adam, badly beaten by thieves who broke into their home in Nairobi, Kenya, the Foreign Office said yesterday. Their one-year-old daughter, Ruby, was unhurt.

Railtrack improves offer to signalmen

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

RAILTRACK is increasing its pay and productivity offer to signal workers in the hope of bringing to an end the series of strikes which are set to disrupt train services again tomorrow.

Following days of private talks with both Railtrack and the Rail, Maritime and Transport union, officials of the conciliation service Acas spent much of yesterday explaining Railtrack's new offer in full to RMT negotiators.

Railtrack's new national offer — the first change in the company's offer for three weeks — is separate from the move made in the company's southwest region proposing a £700 payment to striking signallers who cross picket lines.

Railtrack's concession involves the payment of 6 per cent on basic rates. RMT negotiators originally rejected the proposal because Railtrack insisted it was a non-consolidated increase in basic rates and so would not trigger higher overtime and allowance payments, which form roughly half signal workers' earnings.

But in private talks with Acas since last week Railtrack has made it clear it is prepared to consolidate at least part of the payment into full basic rates. Railtrack has also indicated that it is prepared to increase a payment, currently standing at £250, for moving from cash payment to bank credit transfer.

New services likely to run tomorrow for the first time on a strike day include trains between London and Guildford and London and Yeovil.

British troops join Rwanda relief effort

BY ROBI DUTTA

THE first British troops to join the international relief effort in Rwanda took off aboard two Hercules planes from RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire yesterday.

The 60 troops from Aldershot will be followed by a further 5 C-130 aircraft today with more troops and equipment, including four JCB diggers. Britain will deploy 650 troops and equipment over the next two weeks as part of the three-month mission, Operation Gabriel.

Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Warmby, who is leading the mission, said that the biggest problem would be the "sheer size of the humanitarian task". The aim was to create a such a climate that the refugees would return.

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URGENT APPEAL

AS MILLIONS of people flee from mass genocide in Rwanda, a UN spokesperson described the human tidal wave as 'of biblical proportions'.

According to aid workers, thousands of people are dying of disease and starvation on a scale which exceeds the worst crises in Bosnia and Somalia.

Dead people lie where they have collapsed through dysentery or lack of water. Orphaned infants struggle to survive without basic supplies. The air is filled with the stench of decaying corpses.

Aid agencies are now calling on the British people to help them launch an urgent relief operation on an epic scale.

UK charity Feed the Children – whose relief work in Bosnia received international recognition – has committed itself to saving lives in Rwanda, where it will work hand in hand with other leading aid agencies.



David Scott-Smith/RAID

Pictures of utter misery in Rwanda – you can help

But they can only do this with the support of the British people. Executive Director David Grubb says, 'With pictures of utter misery on our television screens every night, I know people are desperate to do something to help. Now they have the chance.

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Dylan Thomas's fiery widow dies, aged 81

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

CAITLIN Thomas, the widow of Dylan Thomas, has died in Catania, Italy, aged 81, her family announced yesterday.

Although alcohol and promiscuity made for a tempestuous marriage, her dying wish was to be buried next to the Welsh poet in Laugharne, Dyfed, rather than in Sicily near her second husband of 40 years.

This may come as a surprise in the light of her 1986 autobiography *Caitlin: A Warring Absence*. Reliving their 17 years together, until his death in 1953 after a night of typically ferocious drinking, she recounted how during one of their fierce quarrels, she knocked him out with a torch and how Thomas betrayed her love with a series of mistresses.

She once called their lives together "raw, red bleeding meat", a torment of mutual infidelity climaxed by her violent tantrum at his death bed. In what was seen at the time as a vindictive account, she even said she never found him attractive and would not have married him "if he had not got the genius".

Caitlin was later driven to years of alcoholism and several suicide attempts. One of three daughters of an unsuccessful Irish writer, Francis "Fireball" Macnamara, from Co Clare, she married Thomas at the age of 23 after meeting him at the Wheatsheaf pub in Bloomsbury, London.

They had three children and lived at the Boat House in Laugharne. After Thomas's death she married Giuseppe Fazio, with whom she had a son at the age of 49.

Her daughter Aeronwy Thomas-Ellis said yesterday: "I was surprised when I heard she wanted to be buried with my father. I felt that she had been in Italy so long that she would want to stay there."

However, George Tremlett, with whom she co-wrote her autobiography, said he was not in the least surprised by her wish to be reunited with Thomas. They had discussed it on a number of occasions and she had sought his advice. "She loved him," he said, adding that Sig Fazio knew she loved Thomas, "but he was man enough — perhaps because he's Sicilian — to accept that."



Dylan and Caitlin Thomas: tempestuous marriage

Mr Tremlett described the book as "a love story", saying "if you believe that love is a strange and inexplicable thing ... Dylan was in love with her ... He was physically present in her life, every day of her life."

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Cheap flight tourists spend night at airport

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

HUNDREDS of bargain-hunting holidaymakers had to spend a night at Manchester airport after their flights became entangled in a series of "impossible delays".

The passengers had booked "seat only" cut-price flights to Ibiza and Malaga with reputable agencies but found themselves flying on Tristar aircraft which had been registered in Hawaii, kept in mothballs in the Arizona desert then flown to Britain to meet soaring demand for holidays.

When they arrived the aircraft had radios which could not be tuned into European air traffic control and the French warned that they would be refused entry to French airspace unless they were changed. Then Gold Crest, the seat brokers and handling agents who had organised the leases, asked the airline to carry out more flights and the aircraft became overwhelmed with a combination of delays and technical problems.

Flight OOE 219 to Ibiza eventually left at 0813 yesterday, 16 hours late. It was followed two hours later by Flight OOE 235 to Malaga, 11 hours late. The day before, a third Tristar bound for Malaga from Gatwick was delayed for 13 hours.

The aircraft are owned by Air Operations of Europe, a Swedish registered company. Once the aircraft were in Britain the company approached tour operators and offered seats at much reduced prices.

The owners were able to operate anywhere in Europe because Sweden is now a member of the European Union and its licences are automatically accepted.

"We have had a number of calls about these aircraft," the Department of Transport said. "We do not get involved in delays, however, and would only act if there was any question over safety."

Most of the 600 passengers on the two Manchester flights had booked within the last couple of weeks through ticket agencies Avro and Panorama paying as little as £129 return to fly to Ibiza and £115 return to Malaga. "That is not bad in the middle of the high season" Avro said.

The delayed passengers, many with small children, became angry at being refused accommodation and police were called to calm tempers. "It was all because of a combination of air traffic control delays and technical problems" Paul Dendle, managing director of Avro, said. "Our policy is always to offer accommodation in the event of a delay but it was a creeping problem and proved impossible.

"It was, however, not acceptable and we are unhappy with the agents and the planning. You must always allow for problems and no time was built in for anything going wrong."

Servisair, the handling agents for Air Operations of Europe, said it had received no instructions from the airline to put passengers in hotels overnight.

A spokesman said: "It is not the responsibility of the handling agent to find hotel rooms. Cosmos, however, chose to bear the cost of putting up its clients overnight."

Concern has been expressed over airlines using "flags of convenience" to operate foreign registered aircraft. The British Air Transport Association said that it was concerned about the reputation of some airlines. Howard Davies, Bata secretary, said: "If an airline is registered abroad and does not have to comply with the rigorous standards applied in the UK then it can undercut competitors on price."

Blair avoids TUC to save debut for conference

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair is to demonstrate his independence from the trade unions by declining the opportunity to address the TUC conference in September. He will delay the launch of his autumn offensive against the Government until the Labour Party conference a month later.

Senior Labour Party and TUC sources were at pains last night to emphasise that Mr Blair's absence from the platform in Blackpool is not intended as a snub to trade union bosses.

They pointed out that since 1983, Labour leaders have addressed the TUC every other year and, after the late John Smith's appearance in Brighton last year, Mr Blair is following convention.

However, in the light of his recent remarks about links with the unions, Mr Blair's decision will fuel suspicions among trade union leaders that the new Labour leader wants to distance himself from the party's traditional power base.

Mr Blair has said that Labour's relationship with the unions will be founded on "fairness not favours" and that they will have "no special or privileged place within the Labour Party".

The tone of Mr Blair's comments has been in marked contrast to those of Mr Smith, who delighted the unions last year by promising that a future Labour government would give all workers basic employment rights, coming into force on the first day of their employment regardless of the number of hours a week that they worked.

Mr Blair's approach to the unions has been widely interpreted as signalling a new chapter in a relationship going back 100 years in which he has set his sights on wooing "middle England" voters distrustful of union power.

Labour leadership sources said the TUC was relaxed about the decision and would not be "kicking up a fuss".

One aide said: "The TUC is perfectly happy. It is in accordance with the past two leaders. There is no snub."

The TUC denied it had been cold-shouldered. A spokesman said: "He is keeping to the tradition of Labour leaders since 1983. He wants to make his first big conference speech to the party, which is entirely appropriate.

"We understand he will come to Blackpool and will be around chatting to people and he will attend the dinner with the general council on Tuesday night."

It is understood that since his election as Labour leader last month Mr Blair has attended a meeting of the "contact group" at which leading Labour politicians and trade union chiefs, including John Monks, the TUC general secretary, keep in touch informally.

☐ Baroness Williams called for Labour and the Liberal Democrats to co-operate on policy in an effort to oust the Tories who were still "deeply entrenched". But the Liberal Democrat peer and former Labour Cabinet minister stopped short of urging an electoral pact. "That would be a mistake. Both parties' activists would resent it," she said on BBC Radio 4.



Blair: following pattern of previous leaders

RUSSELL BOYCE/REUTER



James Palumbo and his sister Annabella, the oldest children of Lord Palumbo, at the High Court yesterday during a three-day session to debate points of law in a dispute with their father over the handling of their trust funds. They have accused him of using £30 million from the family trust fund to finance extravagant spending

Battle of the soaps comes to the boil

THE "soap wars" turned dirty yesterday when the makers of Persil complained to the advertising industry watchdog about the producers of Ariel (Alexandra Frean writes).

In a strongly-worded letter to the Advertising Standards Authority, Lever Bros, makers of a new product called Persil Power, accuse Procter & Gamble (P&G) of breaking strict industry rules designed to prevent advertisers from publishing "knocking copy" about rival goods.

The complaint follows a media campaign by P&G which uses pictures of torn and frayed clothing to suggest that some detergents can rot clothes. Tim Hammond, Lever Bros' fabrics marketing director, said the advertisements clearly identified his company's product, although not by name, and that claims in the advertisements were unsubstantiated.

A spokeswoman for P&G said: "We are confident that the statements offered in our ads are fully supportable."

Universities urge fairer loan system

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITY leaders signalled support yesterday for the potential privatisation of the Student Loans Company provided graduates gain more time to repay debts.

A report by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, to be published next week, says the loan system fails to provide an "equitable or efficient" basis for funding student living costs. It calls for repayments to be linked to graduate salaries.

The verdict comes as ministers are reported to be considering options to privatise the SLC, the Government agency that administers loans, after Treasury pressure for cuts in higher-education costs.

The options are understood to include selling the SLC to a group of banks or selling its debt, at a discount or with a Treasury guarantee, to financial institutions.

The cost to the taxpayer of the loans operation is forecast to rise to £688 million next year. The SLC has made more than one million loans since it was set up four years ago and is not expected to break even for at least a decade.

The study by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals says that the present five-year repayment period is too short, fuelling the growing number of defaulters by making graduates pay back their loans too early in their career. Last week it was disclosed that nearly 2,000 people have been taken to court in the past year to repay loans despite earning more than the national average for new graduates.

Ted Nield, of the committee, said universities would not oppose any plans for the loans system to be administered by private companies provided repayments were linked to graduates' income and the fixed repayment period was scrapped.

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It doesn't pay to advertise, say Lib Dems

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government has thrown away millions of pounds of public money on a string of disastrous advertising campaigns, according to the Liberal Democracts. A party report says most of the £73 million advertising bill for 1993/4 has been a waste of time and money.

It instances the Department of Employment spending £49 on advertising its Jobfinders grants for every £100 grant it eventually awarded.

Virginia Bottomley authorised advertising for organ donations which cost more than £120 for the telephone responses asking for more information. In the year after the campaign, organ donations declined by 4 per cent.

A £6.2 million advertising campaign on electricity conservation proved to have almost no impact on conservation but cost £200 per response.

Where Portillo wanted the axe to fall

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PUBLIC SPENDING

MICHAEL Portillo identified seven specific areas of the Government's support for British industry in which he wanted to see cuts as part of a fundamental review of public spending.

Government support for industry amounted last year to more than £1.7 billion, according to figures published by the Treasury, with the total set to fall in 1993-94 to £1.6 billion as part of the scaling-down of the financial support offered by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Portillo's leaked letter mentioned seven particular areas:

☐ Regional selective assistance. Discretionary grants to support investment projects in designated Assisted Areas. Estimated spending this year is £89.2 million, which is set to rise next year in 1994-95 to £101 million. Projects must create new employment or safeguard existing jobs.

☐ Aerospace launch aid. Total aid for the aerospace industry is only £4.6 million this year, rising to £6.6 million. But payments coming back to the Government from previous loans under the programme, which has helped the Airbus 320 and Rolls Royce RB211 engine, amount to £58.1 million this year.

☐ Non-nuclear energy research and development. The Government finances research and development in a range of non-nuclear energy areas, including oil and gas, clean coal technologies and renewable sources such as solar and wind power. Total spending this year is estimated at £35.6 million, falling to £30.6 million next year.

☐ Shipbuilding. Subsidy levels are falling for the declining shipbuilding industry, and payments from the Government's intervention fund are running at £22 million this year, and set to fall to £15 million the following year.

☐ Britain's space programme. Government spending on the Britain's space research, including earth observation and the British National Space Centre, a partnership aimed at encouraging industry to exploit space opportunities, is falling from £20.4 million to £14.7 million this year, and set to fall further to £9.2 million. Pulling Britain out of the European Space Agency would save £76.8 million this year and £77.9 million in 1994-95.

☐ Small firms' consultancy. The Government runs a scheme to encourage small firms to make greater use of consultants with the aim of making their businesses more efficient. Total cost, including local business support, stands at £92.2 million, falling to £91.8 million next year.

☐ Established export promotion. Some £56.7 million is set to be spent by the Government this year on promoting British exports, with about the same next year. These include trade missions and exhibitions, and help with overseas marketing.

Letter reveals split

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committee, said he deplored any leak of confidential letters. "It is clearly a civil servant who leaked the letter, I would have thought, or a politician, trying to undermine the position of Mr Portillo."

"We have had the situation with Lord Archer which came from the DTI [the disclosure in The Times that he was under investigation for insider dealing] and one wonders what sort of political games they are playing. But politics is a rough, tough game and if spending ministers refuse to make any attempts to cut spending, Treasury ministers have to speak in strong language."

Robin Cook, the shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, accused Mr Portillo of "sheer stark stupidity" in wanting to eliminate support for industry. "The Department of Trade and Industry's budget has already been savagely cut. It is now one of the smallest in Whitehall," he said. "Every other country in the advanced world is building a partnership between government and industry — only Britain is breaking it down."

☐ The Institute of Directors said last night it had called consistently for the kind of fundamental review Mr Portillo had been conducting.

However, Graham Mackenzie, director-general of the Engineering Employers' Federation, said that to cut support for industry when the economy was coming out of recession was "sheer folly."

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BT to shed 50,000 jobs over five years

British Telecom intends to shed 50,000 staff over the next five years in a renewed drive to cut costs. The brunt of the job losses, involving almost a third of the company's 155,000 employees, will fall on managers and clerical staff. The company says the cutbacks are needed to improve efficiency as competition intensifies from Mercury Communications and the cable television companies.

The National Communications Union said yesterday: "Reductions on this scale make no sense in commercial or industrial relations terms." It questioned whether BT would be able to continue to run its network or maintain the quality of services. Unions, including the NCU, have previously been working with BT over the cutting of staff in return for redundancy payments which will cost the company £750 million this year. BT has already shed 90,000 employees in the past four years and is on course to declare a further 15,000 voluntary redundancies this year. The introduction of modern digital telephone exchanges has sharply reduced the number of engineers needed to run the network. The adoption of computers has enabled customer inquiries to be switched to operators anywhere in the country, enhancing flexibility and reducing the number of operators needed.

Embassy bomb appeal

Police yesterday released details of the car used in a bomb attack on a Jewish charity office in Finchley, north London, a week ago. The red Triumph Acclaim was fitted with false number plates "cloned" from a legitimately-owned car in south London. They appealed for anyone who may have made up the plates, A49 UYK, for the Triumph or for the grey Audi used in the attack on the Israeli embassy, to contact police. The first colour, full-length impression of the middle-aged woman who planted the embassy bomb was also released. She was wearing a navy blue skirt and jacket.

Airlines lift smoking ban

Two airlines have dropped smoking bans on their European flights after pressure from passengers and smokers' rights groups. SAS, the Scandinavian airline, lifted its ban two months into a six-month trial after passengers switched to other airlines. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines dropped a ban on short-haul flights after three months. A British Airways spokesman said it had no plans to lift smoking restrictions on European flights. Ash, the anti-smoking group, and Forest, which lobbies for smokers' rights, welcomed the decisions and the element of choice now available on flights.

PC denies £10,000 theft

A policeman stole more than £10,000 from his station's social club, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday. The prosecution alleged that PC William Brookes siphoned cash from Leamington Spa police social club over a period of 14 months after he was appointed treasurer. PC Brookes, 41, then used the cash to clear mounting personal debts and, when he realised his crime was about to be uncovered, invented a story that his briefcase containing vital club documents had been stolen. The constable denies stealing a total of £10,197. The case continues.

The look that killed

A man who made a last visit to a cliff-top to take in his favourite view, fell to his death after falling asleep. Tony Taylor, 48, was due to move out of his parents' home in Cullercoats, Tyne & Wear, to a new house in North Shields. On a final look at Brown's Bay, where he had lived all his life, he fell over the 50ft cliff on Sunday morning. He was conscious when found by onlookers but was dead on arrival at hospital. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances. "It appears that he had dozed off and then fallen from the top of the cliff down to the bottom."

Detective back at work



Detective Chief Supt Graham Melvin, left, the senior Scotland Yard detective cleared last week of fabricating evidence against Winston Silcott over the murder of PC Keith Blacklock, returned to work yesterday after being suspended from duty since September 1991. Mr Melvin, 52, has returned to the specialist operations branch at Scotland Yard where he worked as an investigator.

Constable suspended

A Durham policeman has been suspended after allegations of a serious sexual assault. Constable Uphal Singh, in his mid-twenties, was arrested last week after allegations by a woman aged 24. PC Singh, of Darlington, had been stationed at Peterlee as a foot patrol officer. Durham's police complaints and discipline department is investigating.

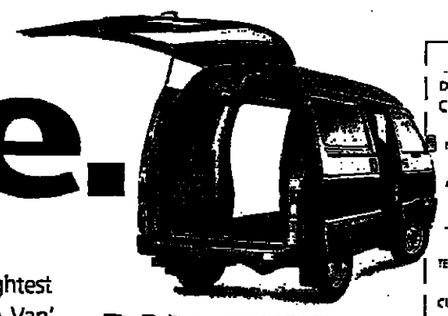
Mother drunk in car

A mother was found drunk and unconscious in her car on a motorway with her children in the back after being told by her husband their marriage was over. Rose Johnston, 39, of Fife, who admitted driving under the influence of drink and failing to provide a breath test, was banned from driving for 15 months and placed on probation by Perth Sheriff Court.

Commandos honoured

The recently uncovered remains of two soldiers from an Allied commando raid into Singapore nearly 50 years ago will be buried there with their fallen comrades, the Australian High Commission said. Sub Lt Grigor Riggs of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve and Sgt Colin Cameron of the 2nd Australian Imperial Forces will be given full military honours at Kranji War Cemetery on August 27. Their unit comprised 23 British and Australian commandos who attacked enemy ships in September 1944 when Singapore was under Japanese occupation.

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Silcott gives parents part of £10,000 compensation

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

WINSTON Silcott has given his parents part of a £10,000 initial compensation payment for his wrongful conviction for murdering PC Keith Blakelock to help them pay off their mortgage.

Silcott, serving a life sentence for the murder of a featherweight boxer at a party, is also suing the Metropolitan Police for damages alleging malicious prosecution in the wake of the killing of PC Blakelock, who was hacked to death during the Broadwater Farm riot in Tottenham, north London, in 1985.

Silcott, 34, in Swaleside jail on the Isle of Sheppey, was awarded the cash as an interim award by the Home Office and is now considering whether to accept a second undisclosed sum as a final payment.

Sir David Calcutt QC, an independent assessor who advises on compensation figures for miscarriages of justice, recommended the compensation payment.

As the payment was criticised by representatives of the Police Federation, Adrian Clarke, Silcott's solicitor, said the Appeal Court had quashed his conviction for murdering PC Blakelock and apologised for his suffering "as a result of the shortcomings of the criminal justice system".

Mr Clarke said that after Silcott's conviction his parents had had to move from their home. He said the parents were given assistance to move and some of his compensation "money has gone to his parents to help pay off the mortgage" in Tottenham.

In a statement Mr Clarke added: "Like any innocent man who has suffered the consequences of a miscarriage of justice he is entitled to be paid compensation by the Home Office."

He said Silcott's action against the Metropolitan Police claiming damages in connection for his wrongful conviction for the murder of PC Blakelock would proceed now that the case against two officers accused of fabricating evidence had ended. Last week Chief Supt Graham Melvin and Det Insp Maxwell Dingle were acquitted at the Old Bailey of fabricating evidence against Silcott.

Sir Paul Condon, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said it was difficult for him to say much about that case, because the police were still potentially engaged in legal proceedings with Silcott.

He said a police officer had been hacked to death "and the justice system so far has not yet, in my view, adequately dealt with all aspects of that case".

Speaking by telephone from prison, Silcott said he had received his interim payment last year. "I didn't get nothing. You can't spend money in prison. I have given it to my parents, brothers and sisters," he told Carlton TV's *London Tonight* programme in an interview broadcast last night.

"The money was given for the simple reason that the Appeal Court found that my interview notes were tampered with."

Asked about the size of the payment, he said: "That's nothing. At the end of the day that's a joke. We're still going to take the police to the civil courts. I am planning to sue the Metropolitan Police."

Silcott, who is serving life for the murder of Anthony Smith in 1984, was convicted for PC Blakelock's killing with two other men, Mark Braithwaite and Engin Raghip, who were also later cleared.

Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, said Silcott's treatment with regard to compensation contrasted with that faced by some officers injured in the line of duty. Silcott had waited three years since his conviction was overturned for his payment to come through.

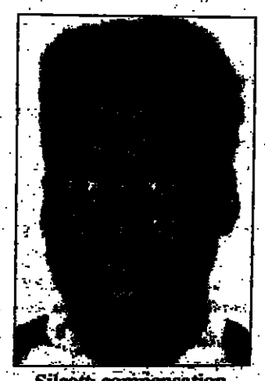
"It can take over three years for officers injured on duty to receive their compensation," Mr Bennett said. He highlighted the case of Richard Coombes, a former policeman badly injured during the Broadwater Farm riot who has yet to reach a final settlement with the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

PC Coombes, who received a Queen's Gallantry Medal for his bravery during the riot, suffered horrific facial injuries which forced him to retire. "We seem to reward the wrong people," Mr Bennett said.

Michael Stephen, Conservative MP for Shoreham, criticised the payment and demanded that PC Blakelock's widow be given assistance to bring civil proceedings against Silcott for damages for assault occasioning her husband's death.

In a letter to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, Mr Stephen said he had no objection in principle to the payment of compensation to prisoners whose convictions were later quashed on appeal. But, he said, Silcott was also serving a life sentence for the murder of Mr Smith.

Mr Stephen said: "It seems to me quite wrong that Silcott should receive compensation for any period of time spent in prison for the murder of PC Blakelock, if for that period he was also imprisoned for the murder of Mr Smith."



Silcott: compensation amount is "a joke"

Broker tells of 'terror' at boss's advances

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN who claims she was sacked after rejecting the advances of her boss said that he had "terrorised" her on a business trip to Copenhagen.

Samantha Phillips, 28, was the only woman in a ten-strong team at the City insurance firm Willis Corroon, where she earned £17,000 as an aviation broker.

She told an industrial tribunal yesterday that Giles Wilkinson, 35, who is married, had repeatedly remarked on her looks in an attempt to start a relationship. She said her ordeal came to a head in January 1992, when Mr Wilkinson unexpectedly joined her in Denmark.

Miss Phillips told the hearing in Croydon, south London: "Giles made unwanted advances on me which I rebuffed. He lurched on to me, swung his arm around me and made contact with my left breast. I was terrorised."

Miss Phillips, of Battersea, south London, said that when they returned Mr Wilkinson turned nasty and began calling her names like "bimbo" in front of male colleagues.

Miss Phillips, of Battersea, is claiming sexual discrimination and unfair dismissal. Mr Wilkinson denies harassment and the company says she was fired for gross misconduct. The hearing continues.

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Samantha Phillips outside the industrial tribunal

Pregnant antenatal receptionist was sacked

BY RICHARD DUCE

AN ANTENATAL clinic receptionist was sacked for taking time time off with morning sickness during her pregnacy with twins, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

After half a day of evidence in the case brought by Debbie Slade, 36, her employers agreed they had sexually discriminated against her and agreed to an out of court damages settlement for an undisclosed sum.

Mrs Slade, of Cranford, west London, had obtained a note from her GP excusing her from work at the Skyways Medical Centre, Southall. Three days before her return she was dismissed.

She and her husband could not then pay the rent and they and their two other children were evicted before finding a council home. Mrs Slade gave birth last December.

"They sacked me because I was pregnant," she told the tribunal at Woburn Place, central London. "I had never had any complaints." She said she had refused to attend a meeting with the surgery partners John Newman and Martin Turner to explain her absence because her GP had told her to avoid stress.

Janet Griffiths, surgery manageress, said: "We did not dismiss her because she was pregnant. It was her misconduct during that sickness, for instance not attending the meeting, which was a factor. Also there were problems with her reception duties."

Rapist who tricked student is sent to secure hospital

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SELLER of *The Big Issue*, the magazine that raises money for the homeless, was ordered yesterday to be detained for life at a high-security hospital after the Old Bailey was told how he raped a sympathetic student who bought a copy.

Michael Murphy's 18-year-old victim was said to have been "shattered" by what one judge described as the ridiculous delay before sentencing. Murphy, 39, pleaded guilty to rape and wounding last December but was held at Rampton hospital, Nottinghamshire, while psychiatric reports were prepared.

The court was told that Murphy suffered from a psycopathic personality disorder which made him a danger to the public, especially women.

The student had no idea of Murphy's background when she agreed to his request to celebrate his finding a home. She suffered 33 cuts to her back and legs from a 12in carving knife and was raped while unconscious, the court heard. She has been left an emotional wreck by her ordeal, said Philip Shorrock, for the prosecution.

The student often spoke to Murphy as he sold his magazine outside college in Charing Cross, central London. "They had a loose arrangement that if he found somewhere to live they would have a celebratory drink," Mr Shorrock said.

On July 21 last year, Murphy told her The Big Issue, a charity, had found him a home. She agreed to have a drink, but after Murphy brought her a ticket on the Tube he became aggressive and she tried to escape. Because of her naivety she did not realise that he marched her to a flat in Stratford in east London, Mr Shorrock said.

They went to a pub and he plied her with whisky and lager in spite of her objections. "Her sense of unease deepened because of the very unpleasant way he looked at her and what he said to her," Mr Shorrock said. "The drink had a considerable effect as she was not used to it."

They ended up at Murphy's flat where he locked her in and continued forcing her to drink whisky until she passed out for several hours.

"She woke up naked, face down on the sofa," said Mr Shorrock. "Her hands were tied behind her back." The student had no memory of the attack.

"She has [since] been receiving counselling on a regular basis," Mr Shorrock said. "It has had an unfortunate effect on her relationship with her boyfriend. They were planning to get engaged but that has not happened."

Murphy received an 18-month suspended sentence in 1975 for the manslaughter of his father. In 1982 he was jailed for five years after ramming a beer glass into a man's face.

The court heard that the management of *The Big Issue* helped police to find Murphy.

Computer image leads to identity of dead woman

BY BILL FROST

A WOMAN whose naked and battered body was discovered wrapped in a duvet at the bottom of a ditch has been named by police as Julie Anne Clayton, a 27-year-old Australian who had been living in a religious commune.

Detective Superintendent George Paterson, the officer leading the murder inquiry, said that Miss Clayton's body was identified after a man recognised her from a computer-generated picture in a newspaper.

He told police that she had been living at the Jesus Fellowship commune at Towcester, Northamptonshire, and he had last seen her on June 19.

Unable to identify the young woman, police at first approached an expert in facial reconstruction for help. Artists at *Vogue* magazine were subsequently able to produce computer-enhanced images of the victim.



Computer impression made by *Vogue* artists

The image was published in national newspapers and recognised by Jolan Campbell of the Jesus Fellowship. He said yesterday that she had left the religious community and was planning to return soon to Queensland to see her elderly grandparents. "She had lots of friends all over the country and she went to London for a few days, before heading north to Sheffield," he added.

"It is a great tragedy. She made friends very easily and has left a very big big gap in our community. She was a very outgoing girl," Mr Campbell said. "Everyone is shattered with her loss. It feels like something is ripped out of your heart."

Over the weekend police traced and interviewed friends of the dead woman in Somerset, Cornwall, London and Northampton. They also broke the news of her murder to her parents in Queensland.

Mr Paterson said his priority was to trace the young woman's last movements. "We believe Julie stayed overnight with a female friend in London on Friday, July 1. She left early before her friend got up and it is thought she may have been intending to hitch-hike north, but we don't know exactly where she was heading," he said.

Miss Clayton's body was found at Coleby, Lincolnshire, on the morning of July 6. She had been placed there — either dead or dying after a severe beating — at least 48 hours earlier, said Mr Paterson.

Before her identity became known detectives said that there were distubing similarities between her death and the murder of two prostitutes.

A man questioned about the murder of Miss Clayton was released without charge yesterday by police in Newquay, Cornwall.



Julie Anne Clayton intended to return to Australia

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Killer dies days after lords stay execution

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MURDERER in Trinidad who was granted a stay of execution by law lords has died of Aids-related illness four days after their ruling.

Brian Wallen, 31, had failed to respond to treatment at Port of Spain general hospital, where he had been taken under heavy police guard after his condition worsened.

He died on Friday, one day after the appeal court in Trinidad rejected his appeal to have the death sentence commuted to life imprisonment and four days after the law lords ordered a stay of execution.

It is not known whether Wallen had been told of the appeal court ruling. None of his family was at his bedside when he died. He will be cremated today at the Happy Valley cemetery in Golden Grove state prison, 14 miles east of Port of Spain.

He and Lincoln Guerra had spent more than five years on death row after being convicted of murdering Lesley Ann Girod and her seven-month-old son Gregg.

Lawyers brought their fight against execution to the judicial committee of the Privy Council eight days ago. At that time Wallen's lawyers in London, Allen and Overy, had no idea that he was seriously ill.

The three law lords ordered a stay of execution even though the Trinidad appeal court had not delivered judgment on the murderers' appeal to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Lawyers for the men sought the stay because they feared the authorities would use the "window of opportunity" between the appeal court ruling and a further appeal to the judicial committee to rush ahead with the execution.

Guerra remains on death row awaiting a final judgment from the Privy Council in the autumn.

The law lords' ruling has led the government of Trinidad and Tobago to propose ending the judicial committee's position as the final appeal court.

Last month there was controversy when Glen Ashby became the first person to be executed on the islands in 15 years. Three law lords granted Ashby a stay of execution ten minutes after the Trinidad authorities carried out the hanging. Keith Sobion, the Trinidad and Tobago Attorney-General, had given an undertaking to the judicial committee that the hanging would not go ahead until all of the judicial processes had been completed.

Wallen, from Valencia, Trinidad, and Guerra were convicted of the murder of Mrs Girod and her son in 1989. They had attacked her and her husband with cutlasses and knives while they were having a New Year's Day picnic at Arima, northern Trinidad.

Mrs Girod was raped before she and her baby were killed. Her husband Brian had his throat cut and was left for dead but he survived and helped to identify the killers. At their trial, the judge commented: "This case proves that evil stalks the world."

There are 59 people on death row in Trinidad and Tobago, where there have been 95 murders so far this year.

Stepping out — little chick with the power to kill

PETER TRIEVNOR



Cassie, a three-week-old cassowary, may seem the ugliest of ducklings as it totters behind its keeper, but it will grow into a 4ft, 330lb giant capable of killing a human. The 10in chick is the first hatched at Birdworld, Farnham, Surrey. Its distant relatives in Australasia use long toe nails to claw to death about six people a year

'New laws needed to curb gun culture'

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TOUGH new gun laws are needed to stop the spread of a violent gun culture in Britain, the Metropolitan police commissioner said yesterday.

Sir Paul Condon said action was needed to stifle the supply of weapons and impose heavier jail sentences for criminals found with guns. The number of times guns were produced against police rose from six in 1992-93 to 41 last year and they were fired 23 times.

"We are not a gun culture like the United States," Sir Paul said at the launch of his 1993-94 annual report. "We have still got the opportunity to sit on top of it in this country." Better legislation on the acquisition and distribution of guns was an alternative to an armed police service.

Sir Paul said there was also concern at the growing number of out-of-court settlements made by Scotland Yard over complaints and a suspicion the police had become a "soft touch" for people manipulating the legal system. There were some firms of solicitors who seemed to specialise in suing the Yard.

Last year civil actions rose by 13 per cent. The Yard paid out £1,708,000 in 288 cases against £1,000,200 for 108 cases in the previous year.

Asked about the Middle East car bombs in London last week Sir Paul said the police had not been given specific intelligence about possible attacks. At the time of the second attack in Finchley, north London, four officers had been close by checking vehicles.

Recorded crime fell by 5 per cent and there had been big drops in burglaries and armed robberies. Violence against the person rose by 8 per cent and there was a 14 per cent rise in reported sexual offences.



Sir Paul: "Heavier jail terms for gun criminals"

Demand for reprieve of dog team

A PETITION signed by more than 1,200 visitors to the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London, objecting to the disbandment of the RAF police dog demonstration team, was sent to the Defence Secretary yesterday.

The team, which performed at the forces' show, is to be wound up under the latest round of defence cuts.

Marian Cripps, 56, of Fulham, west London, who organised the petition, said: "These dogs and their handlers demonstrate the important role that RAF police dogs play in times of war and trouble. They demonstrate methods of training which are kind for the dogs and which are enjoyed by the public all over the country."

Mrs Cripps said: "People came looking for a petition to sign. I didn't go touting for signatures. If I had, I could have got thousands."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said that a date for the team's disbandment had not been set.

Perjurer in murder trial given 3 years

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN was sentenced yesterday to three years' detention for having lied during a murder trial.

Matthew Maguire's evidence for the prosecution helped to convict Michael Cavanagh, 23, of murder. Cavanagh was jailed for life in October 1992.

Thirteen months later, Maguire went to Cavanagh's solicitor's office and admitted having lied. Liverpool Crown Court was told yesterday that because of his confession and a misdirection by the trial judge, the Court of Appeal reduced Cavanagh's conviction to manslaughter on the ground of provocation, substituting a seven-year-term.

Sentencing Maguire, 20, of Birkenhead, Mr Recorder Michael Wolff said: "Anyone who commits perjury or interferes with a proper administration of justice must receive a custodial sentence."

He said Maguire had told "a pack of lies" at the trial.

Maguire, who yesterday admitted perjury, had told the murder trial that he saw Cavanagh, of Birkenhead, stab to death George Rimmer, 27, in a nightclub. However, Maguire had not been on the premises at the time of the stabbing and had arrived to find Mr Rimmer dead or dying, Timothy Holroyde, for the prosecution, said.

Maguire told police he had given perjured evidence because the victim was a friend and he bore Cavanagh a grudge after Cavanagh made a pass at his girlfriend. The couple had a row and split up.

Ian Harris, for the defence, said Maguire had voluntarily confessed and had been upset by events since the stabbing.

Man denies killing boy with stolen drug

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOY died after being given anaesthetic by a man who had stolen it from the veterinary surgery where he worked, a court was told yesterday.

Simon Ankers, 21, said he sniffed the anaesthetic so he could forget his troubles after his parents ordered him from their home. But when he allowed Bobby Joyce, 13, to sniff or drink the anaesthetic the teenager died, York Crown Court was told.

Mr Ankers, of Selby, North Yorkshire, denies two separate charges of manslaughter, one by an unlawful and dangerous act and the other by gross negligence.

He admits stealing the drug halothane from the surgery in Selby where he helped with animal operations, but denies administering a noxious substance with intent to endanger life in October 1992.

Mr Ankers, the son of a businessman, told police he had been made to live in a garage loft because his parents thought him an academic failure and could not accept his love for motorcycles.

He took the drug to help him sleep but had it with him when he went to a caravan park in Selby where Bobby lived with his parents. The court was told that Mr Ankers awoke to find Bobby slumped on the floor, and efforts to save him, including by the boy's father, failed.

The trial continues.

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Loyalists threaten revenge on families who shielded killers

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

LOYALIST paramilitaries yesterday promised to retaliate for the IRA murder of two suspected leading members of the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters in south Belfast on Sunday night. In a statement, the UFF also warned residents of a nationalist area near the scene of the shooting on the Ormeau Road that they would be targeted for allegedly helping the gunmen escape.

The UFF, the largest Loyalist paramilitary organisation, said: "The sectarian killings on the Ormeau Road show the hypocrisy of Sinn Fein/IRA's peace process. Should it be weeks, a month or years, those directly involved, and those who aided and abetted the gunmen will be actively pursued and summarily executed."

It added: "Actions of the Lower Ormeau residents concerned in aiding and abetting the perpetrators in their escape have not gone unnoticed."

The UFF is said to be furious at the loss of two important Loyalists, Raymond Elder, 32, and Joe Bratty, 33, who died within minutes of being shot by the IRA on Sunday night, were described by security sources as major players.

Elder was understood to have been a member of the outlawed Ulster Defence Association, which uses the UFF as a cover name for its paramilitary operations. He was charged, but later released, in connection with the UFF shooting at a bookmaker's on the Ormeau Road in January 1992 in which five Roman Catholics were killed.

Bratty, who had been targeted by republicans several times, was understood to have been in control of the UDA and the UFF in the Ormeau Road area.

The UFF statement heightened tensions in Belfast, which was bracing itself for a return to the familiar round of tit-for-tat shootings. When republicans last shot such senior figures in June, Loyalists killed six Catholics at a bar in Loughinisland, Co Down.

Residents in the Lower Ormeau Road area were stepping up their security after the threat from the UFF. One mother of four, who did not want to be named, said: "We are all very nervous, but there is little we can do. I will be keeping my children upstairs. We live under siege at the best of times."

The residents fiercely rejected allegations that they had shielded the gunmen and accused police officers who chased the attackers on Sunday night of opening fire along a street full of children.

Police declined to comment on the allegations.

☐ A remand prisoner committed suicide yesterday at the Crumlin Road prison, Belfast. The 24-year-old man, from Strabane, Co Tyrone, was the second suicide in a week at the Victorian jail, where prisoners have protested about conditions and where a multi-million pound refurbishment programme is under way.

Authorities were forced to move 200 men after Loyalists wrecked part of the prison last month.



John Guest and his children, who saw their new brother yesterday

Mother gives birth after fire accident

BY EMMA WILKINS

A WOMAN who was badly burnt after pouring fuel on a barbecue when she was almost seven months pregnant gave birth to a baby boy 10 weeks early yesterday.

The child, who has been named Franklin and weighs 3lb, is on life support at Southmead Hospital, Bristol. His mother, Susan Guest, 30, from Bristol, is still in a critical condition in the city's Frenchay Hospital. The birth, by Caesarian section, was complicated by the burns to her abdomen.

Eric Gatling, paediatric manager at Southmead Hospital, said the baby's breathing and heart would be monitored and he would receive 24-hour attention.

Ian Taggart, senior registrar at the Frenchay Hospital burns unit, said he was optimistic about Mrs Guest's recovery. "The birth has made it easier for us because we don't have to worry about the effects of operations on the unborn child," he said. "It has simplified our task and makes her treatment more like a standard burn."

Mrs Guest, a bank clerk, was burnt two weeks ago after the incident in her garden. Her children, Karina, four, and Calvin, 12 months, watched as she tried to douse the flames in their paddling pool before neighbours arrived.



Susan Guest: aware of having given birth

Her husband John, 37, a scaffolder, took his daughter to see her new brother yesterday. He has not yet let the children see their mother. "He's a lovely little thing and as long as he is OK I will be the proudest dad in the world. He will be in hospital for a long time," he said.

Mrs Guest, who was taken off a ventilator two days ago, knows of the birth but has been lapsing in and out of consciousness. She is expected to have skin grafts over the next few weeks.

Alzheimer's linked to head size in US study

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

PEOPLE with large heads are less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease, according to American research.

Dr Amy Graves of the Battelle Centre for Public Health Research and Evaluation in Seattle, told a conference in Minneapolis that old people with very small heads were 14 times more likely to show signs of Alzheimer's and other forms of age-related dementia than were those with large heads.

She speculated that those with bigger heads might have more brain cells to start with, providing a reserve capacity against the onset of dementia in old age.

The results came from a study of 1,458 Americans of Japanese origin, all aged 65 or more and living in the state of Washington. It was carried out in conjuction with two other academics. Each person was given a standard test of cognitive ability, designed to assess whether they were suffering the effects of a degenerative disease, and the circumference of their heads was measured.

The link found was purely statistical and Dr Graves emphasised that not all the old people with small heads were affected, nor were all those with large heads free of the disease.

Genes may hold key to cause of rare cancer

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITISH scientists have identified two new genes responsible for a rare form of cancer that affects young adults. The genes are different from those known to be involved in other cancers, opening up a new field of research.

Dr Colin Cooper, of the Institute of Cancer Research in Sutton, south London, said that the two genes caused synovial sarcomas, cancers found in the soft tissue around the joints and which affect 3,000 people a year in Britain. About one in 20 of these is believed to be caused by the newly-discovered genes.

"Sarcomas are notoriously difficult to diagnose accurately," Dr Cooper said. "The first result of the finding will be to improve diagnosis, and that may make better treatment possible." Only about half of those diagnosed with this type of tumour survive for more than five years. The usual treatment includes surgery, radiotherapy and drugs.

The normal function of the two genes in the cell is not yet known and is still being investigated.

The work, which was supported by the Cancer Research Campaign, was published yesterday in *Nature Genetics*. The team will now try to discover if the genes are linked to other forms of cancer.

BBC Radio loses 2.6m listeners

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE crisis of confidence at BBC Radio will deepen today with the publication of figures showing that nearly 2.6 million listeners have deserted the corporation's radio services in the last year.

The exodus is mainly the result of the continued slump in the fortunes of Radio 1, which has wiped out gains at other BBC stations with the loss of more than 3.4 million listeners in the past year. The network remains the nation's most popular radio station, with 12.3 million listeners, but its audience is still falling at the rate of 73,000 a week, according to figures published by Radio Joint Audience Research Limited.

Liz Forgan, managing director of BBC Radio, said yesterday the drop in Radio 1's audience was the result of changes which began a year ago and involved the departure of an entire generation of older disc jockeys. The moves were part of the BBC's overall policy of persuading the Government that the station was distinctive from the commercial sector and should not be privatised.

Ms Forgan said that although the rate of decline in Radio 1's audience was slowing down dramatically, she did not expect the fall to stop until at least another six months.

Most worrying for the station are unpublished figures showing that its flagship breakfast show, presented by its star DJ, Steve Wright, has lost an average of 283,000 listeners in the last three months.

Both Radio 4 and Radio 5 Live, the BBC's new 24-hour news and sports station, have bucked the trend with small increases in their audiences. Radio 4 has received a boost from a 20,000 increase over the past three months in the audience of *Anderson Country*, the controversial magazine programme which attracted a record 1,500 complaints when it was launched in February.

The first figures for Radio 5 Live, which was launched on March 28, show it is reaching 4.3 million listeners a week. The station does not appear to have eaten into Radio 4's audiences, although both Radios 4 and 5 face a new challenge next February when Talk Radio UK, the new speech-based commercial network, comes on air.

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Families on benefit 'must go hungry or fall into debt'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FAMILIES on social security have to choose between indebtedness and doing without necessities such as food, according to a report published today.

They can only avoid cutting back on essentials by delaying paying bills until pursued through the courts. But many poor people are so fearful of the bailiffs that they would rather go without.

The Policy Studies Institute carried out a detailed investigation of 74 families with average household incomes of £121 a week.

Some had more material goods but suffered anxiety over creditors. Others kept out of debt but only by doing without necessities and giving up their social life.

The researchers say that in recent years too little attention has been given to the social consequences of poverty and too much attention to the problem of debt. "The long-term implications of people starving themselves, cutting themselves off from society or living with domestic violence have to be considered," they say.

Few of the families could manage on income support, or incomes just above that level, for any length of time. Hardly any got into debt through recklessness but had to choose between falling into arrears with rent, fuel and other bills or living in considerable hardship, the researchers say.

The report said poor people were resourceful and thrifty rather than hooked on state handouts and unwilling to find work or pay their bills.

Some families preferred to run up debts rather than see their children go without. One couple spent the money saved for their electricity bill on Christmas presents. Another insisted her children must have "enough of the best". These families made fewer sacrifices but their health suffered as they had to deal with court summonses and fuel disconnections.

Others regarded the avoidance of debt as more important than trying to lead a normal life. One couple found it too depressing to go and see family and friends. A lone mother said she avoided going out, except for her weekly visit to the local market, to avoid being tempted to spend.

Many of these families ran out of food by the end of the week or went without heating. One mother provided for her children and then limited herself to a drink of Complan.

Another said: "I don't cut down with the kids. I cook a meal and as long as there's plenty for them I make do with a piece of toast." She then broke down in tears.

The study, *Hard Times: how Poor Families Make Ends Meet*, funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, calls for changes to the benefits system to encourage part-time work and new sources of cheap credit for poor people.

Parents did not want simply to receive more money in benefit, the report said. They wanted decent jobs but were hindered by poor childcare facilities, low wages and a benefit system that encouraged the poor not to work.

Lord hear us ... but quietly

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A BAPTIST church which prides itself on its hymn singing is facing complaints from neighbours under noise pollution laws. According to residents of Pinhoe in Exeter, the worshippers are singing too loudly.

They say the hot summer weather has made the problem worse because the church windows have been opened. At least one neighbour, whose house backs on to the church, has complained to environmental health officials at Exeter City Council because noise levels have not been reduced despite repeated requests.

Frances Boulton said last Sunday was the final straw. "The noise is tremendous. I would think if I went to the bottom of their garden with amplifiers, a pop group or a record player and played it as loud as they play theirs, they would be on to the environmental people straight away."

Mrs Boulton, who also campaigns against pesticides, said she was fed up with hearing religious music from services and practice sessions throughout the weekend. "It is the religious version of a discotheque," she said. "I used to be a churchgoer. I have nothing against religion. But I love gardening, and I love to sit in the garden and have friends to dinner outside. You cannot do that if there are people praying and singing and clapping at the bottom of the garden."

Paul Ashby, the church secretary, said: "We said to the local authority that we would do everything we can not to upset our neighbours because that's the last thing we want to do. But on a Sunday we are open for business and part of our worship is singing praises to our Lord. We kept our windows closed for as long as we could."

Environmental health officials have asked the church to keep the noise down during band practice, but say no action is likely to be taken over the worship.

PETER TREVNOR



At the height of the flooding in West Sussex, insurance officials assess the damage in the village of Singleton

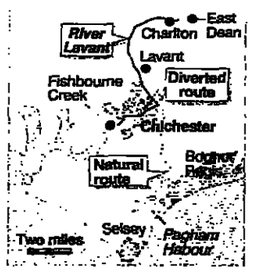
Flooded city seeks an escape from the Romans' misguided legacy

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE ancient River Lavant could be moved to prevent a repeat of the flooding that caused chaos around Chichester earlier this year. Diverting the river into an emergency channel is one of the options being considered after a report yesterday into the threat to the West Sussex city.

In January's heavy rains, culverts carrying the Lavant beneath the city centre had to deal with 300 million gallons a day, twice the amount of water they could adequately control. If they collapsed, the damage could cost £16 million to repair, according to a report by the engineering consultants Posford Duvivier for the National Rivers Authority.

Surrounding villages and part of the city centre were badly disrupted by the flooding and roads into the city had to be closed. Homes and shops were swamped and the Army was called in to build emergency pontoon bridges to restore road links. The cost was put at £6 million.



The report, which recommends that a flood alleviation scheme should be investigated, says there is evidence to suggest the river was artificially diverted by the Romans to flow through the city.

It also details how gravel extraction and road building have increased the chance of serious flooding in the area. The NRA believes that gravel extraction south and east of Chichester may have played a crucial role in January's floods. The pits can act as barriers blocking swollen groundwaters from passing swiftly to the harbour.

Malcom West, technical manager in the authority's southern region, said yesterday that the findings had implications for scores of vulnerable towns and cities across the country.

During the heavy rains that caused the Lavant to burst its culverts, more than 100 other sites were on flood alert.

Mr West said: "We have to control development in flood risk areas. There is a prospect of a further bypass for Chichester and there are also plans for more gravel extraction. What is clear is that, before planning permission is given, full studies should be undertaken on the impact."

He said the authority would now be working with West Sussex and Chichester councils on the licensing of future gravel workings.

The study into the Chichester floods says that heavy rains between September and mid-January deposited 24in of water on the area. Underlying geology became saturated, causing the water table to rise and the Lavant to flood the city and pour into other streams unable to cope.

At Chilgrove well in the South Downs, where measurements have been kept since 1836, water levels rose by a record 132ft. The report recommends an automatic early warning system should be developed with an alarm triggered when the well's water level reaches 225ft, the level which caused the floods.

It also calls for a new flood defence system for Chichester, while pointing out that expanding the culverts to cope with very high flows would be obtrusive and extremely expensive.

Boy hurt in petrol bomb attack

A petrol bomb was hurled at a car in south London, catching a boy aged nine in "a sheet of flame".

The bomb was thrown as the car, containing a couple and their five children, aged between three and twelve, entered the southern entrance of Rotherhithe Tunnel at 19.59pm on Sunday. The family, from Essex, told police they had seen a youth standing above the mouth of the tunnel.

The bomb cracked the windscreen and bounced on to the road before exploding. The boy was caught by flames on the face and neck but suffered only light burns.

Bank charges

John Worsnop, 48, a manager at Barclays Bank in Garforth, West Yorkshire, was remanded in custody until August 9 by Leeds magistrates and his brother David, 42, was given bail, charged with offences concerning the disappearance of £1 million from customer accounts.

Jail hanging

Christian James Byrne, 18, who was remanded in custody by Port Talbot magistrates on Friday charged with breach of bail, was found hanging in his cell at Swansea jail.

Blackmail case

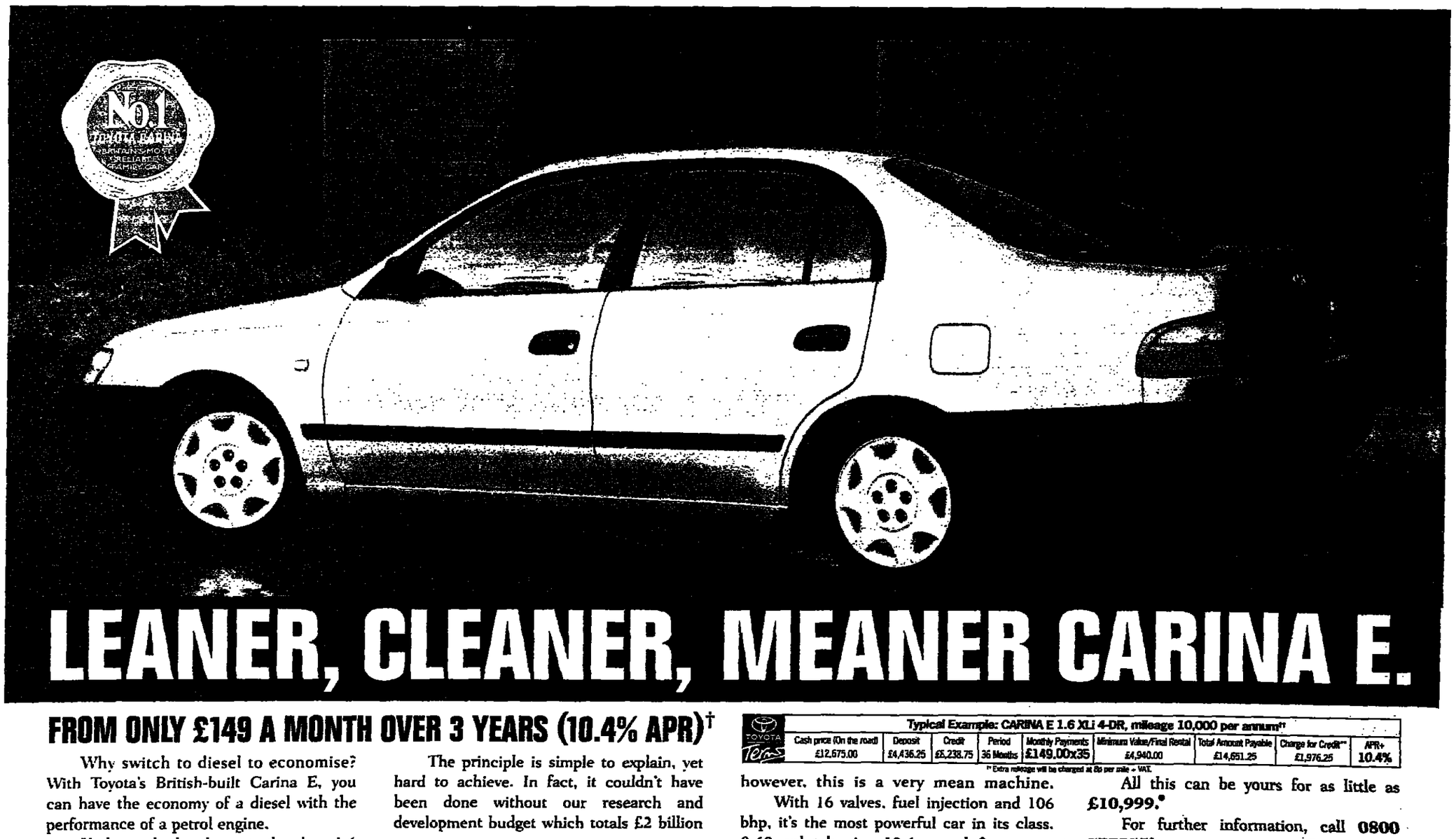
Michael Norman, 51, of Wreningham, Norfolk, and Alexander Taylor, 51, of Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset, denied at the Old Bailey attempting to blackmail three supermarkets for £12 million.

Blaze man dies

Roy Littlewood, 58, a taxi driver of Mount Tabor, West Yorkshire, died in Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, after pouring petrol over himself and setting light to it on a garage forecourt on Saturday.

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Treasury axe hovers over perks for service chiefs

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

THE privileged way of life enjoyed by Britain's top military brass is to be sharply curbed as part of the latest defence expenditure review.

Big cuts in the number of official armed service residences and in hospitality budgets are expected to follow the accidental disclosure yesterday that it costs £10 million to maintain Britain's 77 official armed service residences.

Such perks have so far remained immune from the Treasury axe.

Parliamentary answers to two questions tabled by Stephen Byers, the Labour MP for Wallsend, disclosed that the Defence Ministry spends £4.3 million a year maintaining the 77 official residences, £719,000 on equipping them with furniture and fittings, and £4.9 million on domestic and other household staff.

The expenditure included £50,000 on new dog kennels at the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth: £25,000 on "blending in" the naval college commanding officer's new double garage with its historic surroundings, and £140,000 on furniture and equipment for the £2 million Belgian home of Field Marshall Sir Richard Vincent, Britain's senior Nato officer.



Vincent: £2 million was spent on Belgian home



White: £157,000 spent on domestic staff

The figures show that the official residence of Admiral Sir Michael Layard, the Chief of the Naval Home Command and Second Sea Lord, last year cost the taxpayer £173,000 for domestic staff, £63,000 for maintenance, and £2,500 for furniture.

Similarly, keeping up the official residence of Admiral Sir Hugo White, the Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet, whose £500,000 home is in Northwood, west London, cost the taxpayer £157,000 for domestic staff, £63,000 for maintenance, and £16,000 for furniture and equipment.

Rear Admiral Jeremy Saunders, the Commander-in-Chief of British Forces, whose official residence is in Gibraltar, topped the overseas entertaining budget with a bill for £139,300 for domestic staff, £37,500 for maintenance, and £10,100 for furniture.

Mr Byers yesterday wrote to John Major, calling for an urgent "root-and-branch" review of the expenditure on armed forces official residences. He also asked the Prime Minister to examine if the expenditure should be considered "payment in kind," and should therefore be liable to tax.

Mr Byers told *The Times*: "Had this extravagant spending not been exposed in this rather embarrassing way for the Ministry of Defence, I'm not convinced that on their own initiative they would have embarked on a wholesale review of this area of spending."

Of the 77 official armed forces residences, 26 are owned by the Navy; 23 by the Army; and 18 by the RAF. Ten are within defence establishments or are owned by foreign governments.

After revelations about the cost of refurbishing official residences, including the £250,000 spent modernising the home of Air Chief Marshall Sir Sandy Wilson, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, last month set up a review of forces residences and hospitality expenditure.

The Commons Defence Committee has also decided to examine the cost and function of the many official service residences for senior officers. Both reviews are expected to be completed later this year.

Defence Ministry officials insist that many of the armed service residences are an integral part of Britain's national heritage and are costly to maintain. In the present financial climate, however, "there are no sacred cows", one official said.

Layard: over £250,000 spent on his residence



RICHARD LAPPAS

The Ministry of Defence spent £50,000 on these dog kennels at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth

Call for total ban on drivers drinking

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

SENIOR police have supported a total ban on drinking and driving. Their backing follows tests that showed driving may be seriously impaired at the legal alcohol limit.

Guidelines say drivers can have three units of alcohol, equivalent to a pint and a half of beer, three glasses of wine or three single [illegible] their driving ability is affected.

But the limit of 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood has been challenged by the Government's Transport Research Laboratory in Bracknell, Berkshire, which found great variation in the effects of alcohol.

One woman who had drunk three glasses of wine swerved across three lanes of a motorway on the laboratory's computer simulator. The tests, shown last night on ITV's *World in Action*, will increase pressure on Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, for a total ban.

Ministers have been reluctant to introduce a zero limit because of the natural fermentation of food in the stomach. [illegible]

[illegible] Davey, of Avon and Somerset police traffic department, said: "We are given guidelines as to what we can drink, but on what the weakest beer, or the strongest beer? My personal view is that the advocate wants zero, then we should know where we stand."

The Association of Chief Police Officers said: "It is up to Parliament to set the limits but the only sure way is not to drink and drive."

Keene on Chess

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

British championship

This year's British championship started yesterday at the Norwich Sport Village in Hellesdon, Norfolk. The defending champion Michael Hennigan faces a field that includes grandmasters William Watson, Mark Hebden and Paul Motwani. The following game was a crucial win for Hennigan on his way to the title last year.

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Black: Michael Hennigan
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12	g5	Nxb3+
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30	Bxf6	Rc2
31	Bd8	Rf1+
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White resigns

Diagram of final position



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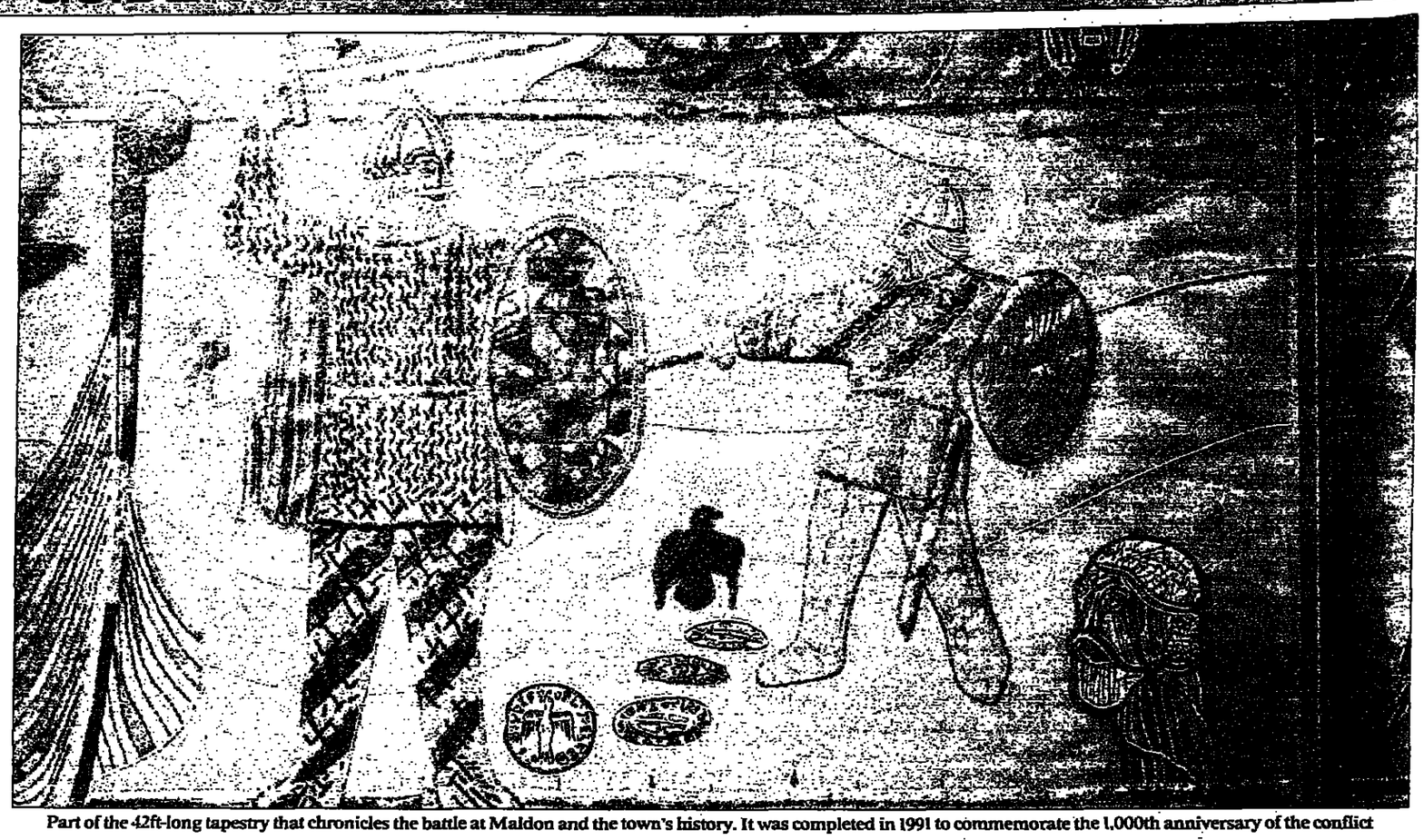
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Part of the 42ft-long tapestry that chronicles the battle at Maldon and the town's history. It was completed in 1991 to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the conflict

MALDON 991

Where Saxon last stand was overrun by Vikings

BY ALAN HAMILTON

Among the unprepossessing mudflats of the Blackwater estuary in Essex there is a marsh, a causeway and a low, partly wooded island guarded by the National Trust as a bird sanctuary and inaccessible except by arrangement with the warden. The scene has not changed much in a millennium, save that where there are now the yachts and cruisers of affluent Essex man, there were once the feared longships of the Viking raider.

The *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* for 991 records that Olaf Tryggvasson came with a force of 93 Danish ships and ravaged from Folkestone to Ipswich – doubtless with a bit of rape and pillage thrown in – until he arrived at Maldon, a thriving Saxon settlement.

Of many raids by the Northmen on the English coast, this was one of the largest, and the one at which the Saxons decided they must stand and fight. The encounter is chronicled and glorified in one of the greatest surviving Old English manuscripts, *The Battle of Maldon*.

The Vikings assembled on Northey Island, with the Saxon defence under Ealdorman Brihtnoth drawn up on the south mainland shore, at the end of what is today a pleasant two-mile riverside walk from Maldon town centre. As the Vikings waited for low tide to enable them to cross the causeway, which still exists, the armies hurled ancient insults at each other. The Vikings offered peace in return for tribute: the Saxons told them to go hang themselves.

At low tide the Danes began an unsuccessful crossing of the causeway, and sent a request that they be allowed to come ashore unhindered to engage in proper battle. Brihtnoth, anxious to inflict a proper defeat on the invader, agreed, and fell back to allow the enemy room to deploy on the mainland. It was his undoing: the invaders proved superior in spear and javelin, and Brihtnoth himself was slain in a battle said to have lasted for several days.

So encouraged were the invaders by their victory that they attempted a partially successful occupation of eastern England, and extracted from the native Saxons the heavy tribute of Danegeld.

After a thousand years, little remains to be seen on the battlefield beyond a small National Trust memorial plaque on a gate, but under the great wide skies of the Essex flatlands it is easy to envisage the estuary full of longships, the invader pouring across from Northey Island, and the Saxons putting up a spirited defence in the boggy ground which today is overlooked by an embankment.

In the Moot Hall in Maldon High Street, a tapestry made for the anniversary of the battle in 1991 tells the story of the conflict, interwoven with the history of the town. At 42ft, it is a pocket handkerchief compared with the embroidered chronicle of a later conflict on display in Bayeux, but combined with that Old English text, one of the finest battle descriptions in English history, it helps to bring an ancient clash alive.

■ MALDON battlefield is reached by a riverside path from the bottom of Church Street, Maldon, or from the road through South House Farm (no cars allowed) off the B1018 one mile south of the town. Accommodation: there is much of interest in the busy market town and several hotels. The Blue Boar (0621 852681) is a 14th-century coaching inn. Best bed and breakfast in the area is said to be The Wick, a 16th-century farmhouse at Hatfield Peverel, five miles away (0245 380705).
Further reading: Scragg, *The Battle of Maldon*, Blackwell 1991; Nicolle, *Arthur and the Anglo-Saxon Wars*, Osprey 1984.

HASTINGS 1066

Great abbey marks the real scene of Battle

BY JOHN YOUNG

The date of the Battle of Hastings, 1066, is the most famous in English history and one all schoolchildren should know. It marks the last occasion when a foreign army won on British soil, a result that determined a nation's destiny.

The battle was fought several miles north of Hastings in what is now the town of Battle. The site is adjoined by the ruins of the great abbey built by William the Conqueror to atone for the slaughter caused by his invasion.

The death of Edward the Confessor in the first week of the year was the prelude. Three rivals claimed the throne: Harold, the eldest surviving son of Godwin of Essex; Harald Hardrada, King of Norway; and William, Duke of Normandy, to whom Edward had allegedly pledged the succession.

In an insurrection, Harold had himself crowned king in Westminster Abbey but his family had made many enemies and his renegade brother Tostig allied himself with Hardrada, who landed with 10,000 men on the northeast coast in September.

Harold raced north, surprised the Viking army at Stamford Bridge and won a decisive victory, only to learn that a Norman fleet had landed in Pevensey Bay, Sussex, and established a base at Hastings. He decided to confront the enemy before he had time to reassemble his troops at full strength.

By force-marching his men the 60 miles south from London in two days he played into the hands of William, who wanted to engage the English at the earliest opportunity.

On October 13 Harold encamped on Senlac Hill, a low ridge of the Downs. Alerted to the arrival of the English, William advanced the six miles north and soon after daybreak had deployed his army less than a mile away in full view of the ridge.

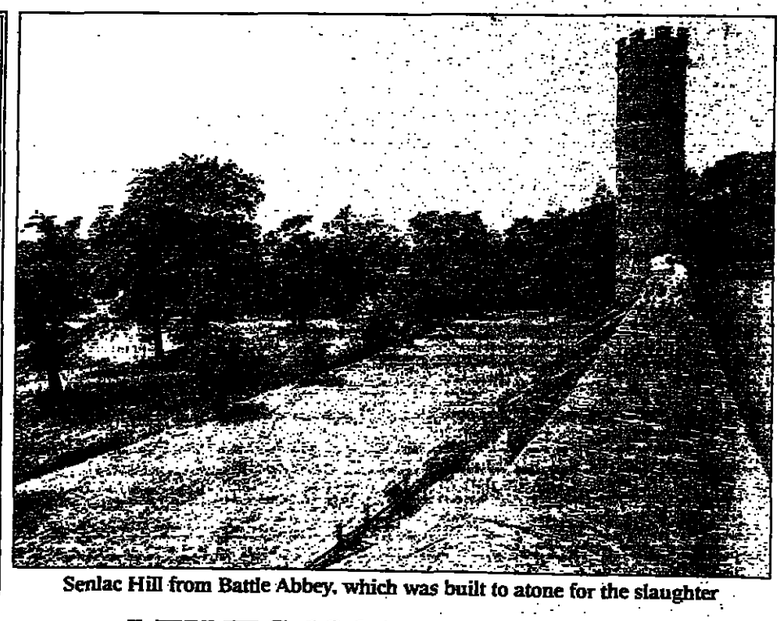
Although the Norman troops were more experienced, they had to attack up the hill, and their initial assaults had little success. A subsequent full-scale infantry attack, with cavalry support, similarly failed to breach the English defences, and their left flank was panicked into a hasty withdrawal when a rumour spread that William had been killed.

To avert a rout, William removed his helmet and rode among his troops to reassure them. The English, meanwhile scenting victory, rushed forward in undisciplined pursuit, only to find themselves isolated and cut down.

As darkness approached, William ordered a final assault and the weakened English were unable to withstand. Harold was cut down by the swords of the Norman knights and the remnants of his army fled. William was crowned king in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day. He returned to his native Normandy to crush an incipient rebellion, died after a fall from his horse and is buried in Caen.

The battlefield lies near the centre of the attractive town of Battle. There is a car park at the entrance, and the site is encompassed by a circular walk of a mile through meadows, which begins and ends in the grounds of the Abbey. An introductory audio-visual display is complemented by tables at intervals along the walk with relief maps and explanatory guides.

■ Battle is six miles northwest of Hastings at the junction of the A269 and A2100. Nearby attractions include Pevensey and Herstmonceux castles and the tranquil Cinque Port of Rye. Good pubs and restaurants abound. Visitors should head for the prominent entrance to the abbey. Parking in peak season may be difficult.
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Senlac Hill from Battle Abbey, which was built to atone for the slaughter

LEWES 1264

Bloody birthplace of democracy

BY JOHN YOUNG

The South Downs are nowhere more spectacular than in the stretch between Ditchling Beacon and Beachy Head. In a fold in the hills lies Lewes, where 730 years ago one of the decisive battles in English history was fought, ending the absolute power of the monarchy and paving the way for parliamentary democracy.

Most of the tourists gazing out from the splendid castle towards Offham Hill are probably unaware of its significance. It is Magna Carta, exacted from King John by his rebellious barons at Runnymede in 1215, that has embedded itself in our consciousness as the first milestone on the road to universal suffrage. But for John's son Henry III, it was no such thing; for him the barons were a bunch of opportunists who dared to challenge the monarchy.

Henry was vacillating, extravagant and perennially strapped for cash. In 1258 he was forced into agreeing further reforms in what became known as the Provisions of Oxford, which he promptly sought to nullify. The barons split into two camps: those loyal to the Crown; and those who rebelled under Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester.



Henry III: a vacillating and extravagant ruler

Simon assembled an army at St Albans but morale was damaged by the capture of Northampton by the royalists. He abandoned a siege of Rochester castle on learning of a probable attack on London.

Henry, however, skirted the capital and marched to Lewes, where he arrived on May 11, 1264, hoping for time to recuperate. Simon reached Fletching, about eight miles north of Lewes, two days later. Stung by the contemptuous rejection of his final peace offer, he moved his troops south under cover of darkness and by daybreak they were drawn up in three divisions overlooking the king's troops billeted in Lewes castle.

Despite their commanding position, Henry's headstrong son, later Edward I, led his cavalry up the slope and routed Simon's left flank. But the other royalist forces were unable to match his momentum and they were driven back down the hill. By the time Edward returned, his cavalry were too tired to mount a fresh offensive.

Henry remained king after surrendering, but his power was permanently weakened. Edward, a wiser man than his father, accepted most of Simon de Montfort's reforms, notably the concept of the king governing with the consent of Parliament.

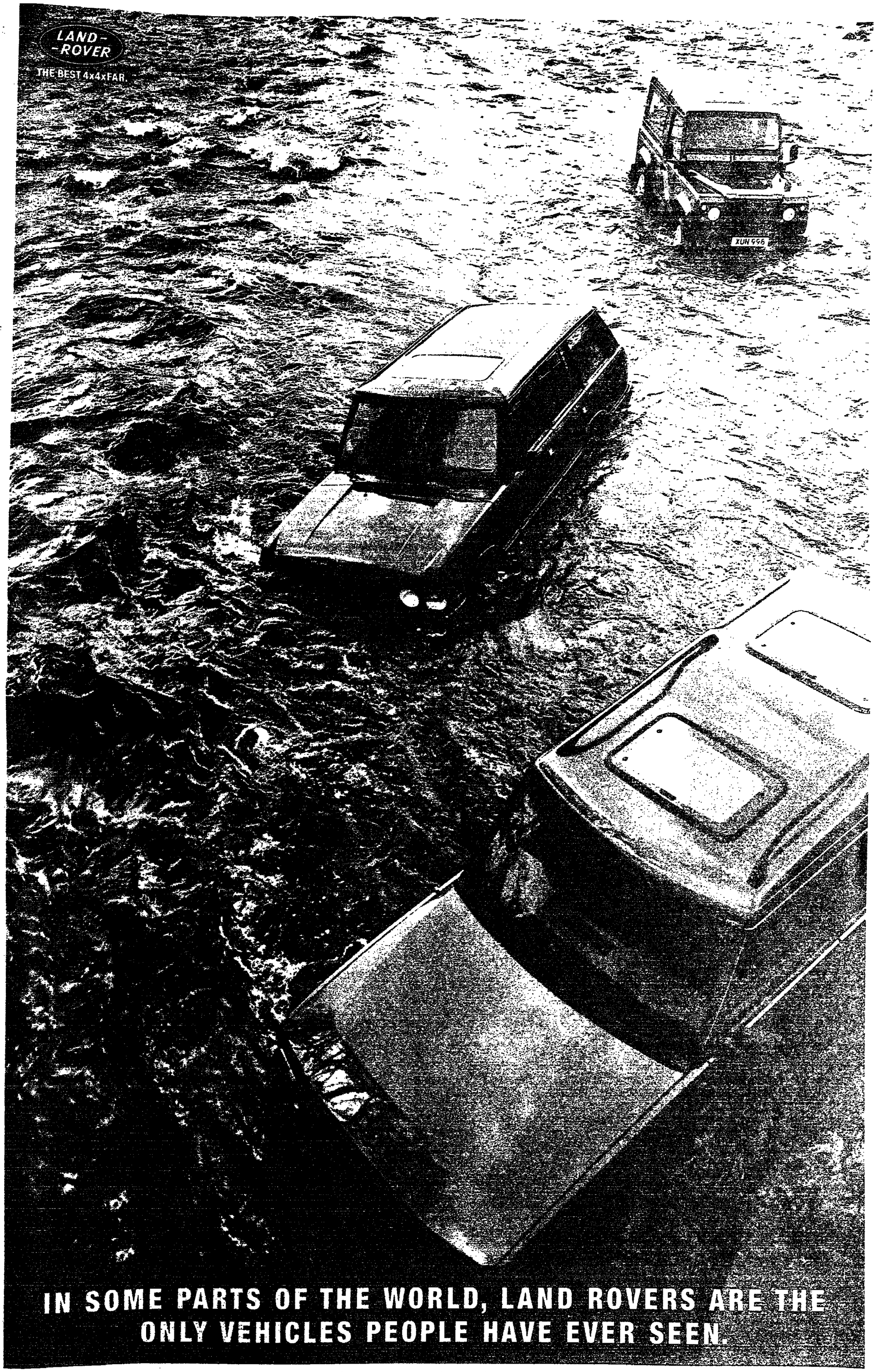
The area of battlefield that remains is poorly signposted, but can be reached from the South Downs Way footpath.

■ Lewes lies just off the A27, eight miles northeast of Brighton, which offers a wide selection of hotels and restaurants.
In high season it is very congested, and parking is a headache. To reach the footpath take the A275 towards the village of Offham.
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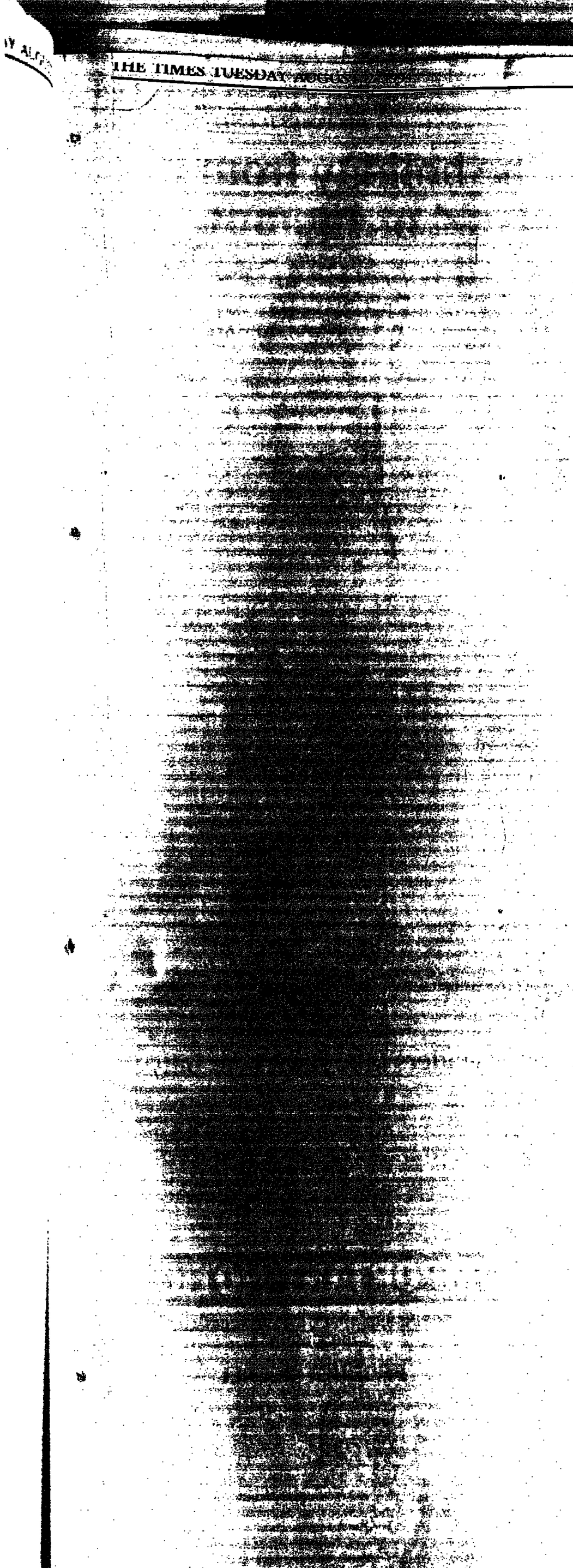
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Khmer Rouge makes Cambodia the holiday from hell



Angkor Wat: tourists drawn to ancient ruin

BY JAMES PRINGLE

■ Pol Pot's guerrillas are demanding a ransom in gold for three Westerners whom they hold hostage. A refusal to pay will almost certainly result in their deaths

THREE foreign tourists in Cambodia, a Briton, an Australian and a Frenchman, kidnapped by the Khmer Rouge, were reportedly still alive yesterday working in paddy fields building dykes, a favourite diversion of the guerrillas. The Khmer Rouge attacked the train the tourists were travelling on in the southern province of Kampot last week, then tied them up and led them off into thick rainforest.

The guerrillas, under whose rule in the 1970s an estimated one million Cambodians died of overwork (many on massive dyke projects), sickness or execution, have demanded $50,000 (£34,000) ransom each for Mark Slater, 28, of London, David Wilson, 29, of Melbourne, Australia, and Jean-Michel Braquet, 28, from Nice in France, to be paid in gold.

Observers in Phnom Penh know only too well what happens if ransoms are not paid; the remains of three kidnapped foreigners, two of them believed to be British, were found recently on Highway Four from Phnom Penh, the capital, to the port and resort of Sihanoukville.

Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, has said that a ransom will not be paid. Observers believe that the only hope for the three, ambushed after the Khmer Rouge mined the track and killed nine passengers in a hail of rocket and rifle fire, is that the guerrillas are not as bloodthirsty as those on Highway Four. A female relief worker was freed after her agency promised to dig wells for some villages.

One hope is that the Cambodian government, fearful that the spate of kidnapping will deter foreign investors and tourists, will itself pay up. But it has said that it will not hand over any ransom. One of the country's two joint Prime Ministers, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, has been to the kidnap area near Kompong Trach in the south. He said that the Cambodian army, a ragtag force that includes 2,000 generals, would not do anything to jeopardise the safety of the captives. Not that it could do much: it has been trounced in its last two battles with the Khmer Rouge.

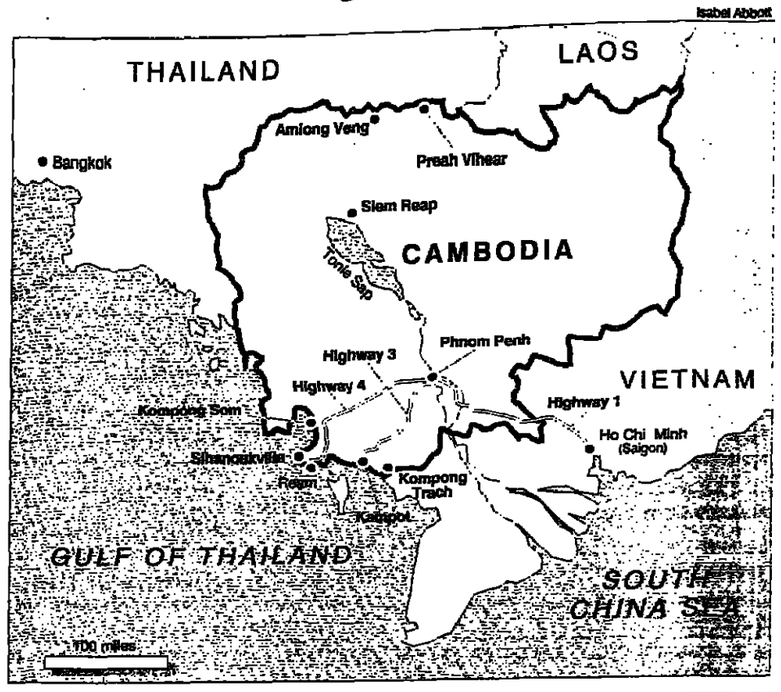
Cambodian officials have been using the kidnappings to call for military assistance, including weapons and ammunition, but envoys in Phnom Penh fear that, because of massive corruption, any arms would quickly pass to the Khmer Rouge.

In this beautiful but deadly land, another Briton has been missing since January around the ancient ruined Khmer city of Preah Vihear on the Thai border. Two Belgians also disappeared near Preah Vihear, captured last year by the Khmer Rouge. The guerrilla group has been outlawed formally by the government, which was set up after United Nations-supervised elections last year. The Khmer Rouge has established a "provisional government" near Preah Vihear, and Pol Pot, its infamous leader, is said to have moved there.

To visit Cambodia for its pristine beaches or its ancient cities, like the 12th-century Angkor Wat, is to take a holiday in hell. And yet, provided they fly to Siem Reap, near the Angkor ruins, tourists are reasonably safe. However, a Portuguese tourist, sitting innocently in his Siem Reap hotel room last year, was hit by a stray bullet.

There is a lot of killing in Phnom Penh. After 25 years of civil war, the country is awash with guns, and Cambodians shoot their compatriots to steal motorcycles.

Isabel Abbott



Husain tests Jordan opposition with treaty referendum

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND BEN LINFIELD IN JERUSALEM

KING Husain announced yesterday that he is to call a national referendum in Jordan on the draft peace treaty which he has just agreed with Israel in Washington.

He said the peace agreement had been supported overwhelmingly in Jordan, but admitted there was opposition. He was proposing a referendum — the first to be held in Jordan — to see how strong the opposition really was. "I am confident of what they will say. I will stake my whole future on it," he said in London yesterday.

Looking in good health and supremely fit and confident, the king spoke of his pride and sense of achievement in negotiating a peace treaty with his powerful neighbour, with whom his country had been at war since he came to the throne more than 40 years ago. "I have never felt as much at peace with myself as in this period," he said.

The king brushed off opposition from Syria and Arab extremists. Jordan had exercised its own sovereignty, he said, and he had been frank in warning President Assad of Syria what he would do.

Speaking after a day of informal talks with Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, the king spoke warmly of the economic benefits of the treaty, including a new east-west Arab highway which would go through Israel.

He also predicted that he would make a historic visit to Jerusalem in the near future. He said Jordan was not claiming any sovereignty over Jerusalem, but would exercise its responsibility for the Muslim holy places not for itself but the whole Islamic world. He said that sovereignty over the holy places "should belong to Almighty God".

Negotiators from Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation conferred officially for the first time in Jerusalem yesterday despite their rival claims to the city. A joint economic committee from the two sides met at a guest house along the former dividing line that separated Jewish west Jerusalem and Arab east Jerusalem before the 1967 war.

Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, said in Gaza that Palestinians wanted to accelerate negotiations on the city's future. "Jerusalem, from our point of view, is the capital of our independent Palestinian state," he said. The PLO is concerned that Israel and Jordan may reach a rapprochement at the expense of its own claims to the city.



Paul Keating, centre, the Australian Prime Minister, drinking billy tea yesterday in Kooralbyn with international leaders at the South Pacific Forum

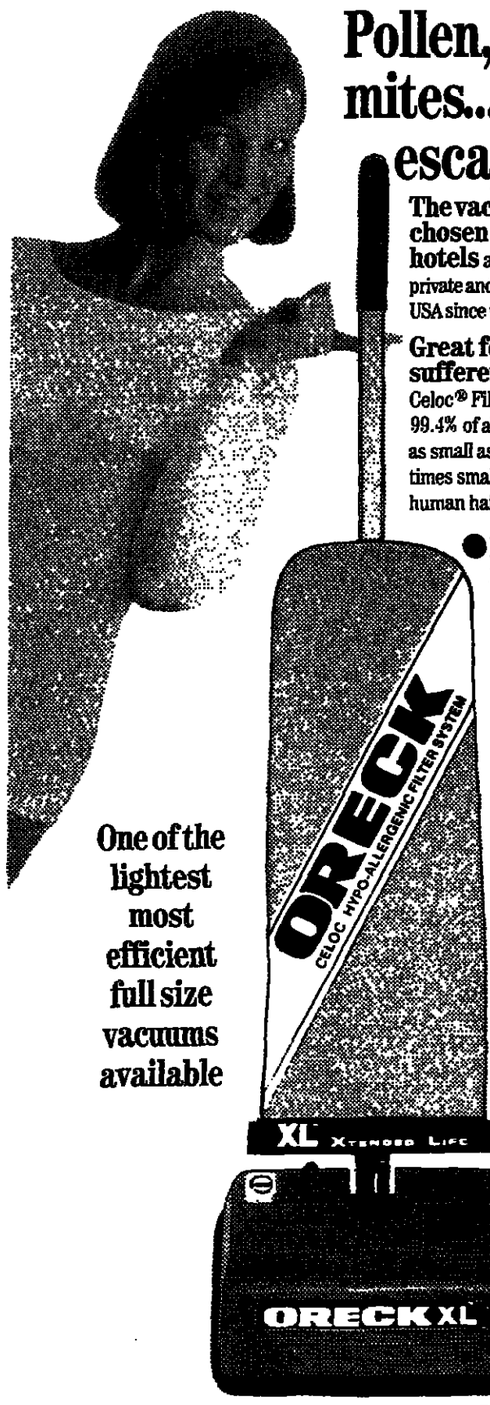
South Pacific leaders take stock over billy tea

Kooralbyn Station, Queensland: Prime Ministers and Presidents of the South Pacific gathered around a campfire drinking "billy tea" out of tin mugs near here yesterday on the first day of their 15-nation South Pacific Forum summit.

Hosted by Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, the leaders were driven to the Gabba Cricket Ground and then flown by five army Blackhawk helicopters into the Queensland hinterland to Kooralbyn Station. Each leader was allowed only one official and they were to spend the day discussing the theme "Managing our Resources".

They were due to fly back to Brisbane later yesterday. Before going into the retreat Mr Keating said he felt the first session on Sunday had been encouraging. "We had some very enlightening speeches about forestry and fisheries and human resource development."

At a typical Australian billy tea and damper smoko — that's camp bread and a teabreak for non-Australians — among towering gums, Mr Keating told the others, "this is a perfect setting". But Sitiveni Rabuka, Prime Minister of Fiji, gave a startled glance towards some kookaburras on a branch above when he accidentally spilled some cream on his jacket. Jim Bolger, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, which is a rich dairy producer, wanted to know if it was margarine or real butter they were using on their damper. *(AFP)*



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NEWS IN BRIEF

De Klerk stands by coalition

Cape Town: The National Party has no intention of pulling out of the coalition government, F. W. de Klerk, the party leader and second deputy to President Mandela, declared here yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes). However, at a news conference shortly before the 400-member national assembly reconvened after a month's break, Mr de Klerk made it clear that the National Party will be adopting a more combative role in parliament.

Clinics guarded

Washington: US marshals are being assigned to protect some abortion clinics after an abortion doctor and his escort were killed last week in Pensacola, Florida. *(Reuter)*

Sex imbalance

Shanghai: China's imbalance of males over females could produce 70 million single men by 2000. Birth records show an average of 114 boys born for every 100 girls. *(Reuter)*

Women's boost

Bombay: Maharashtra, India's wealthiest state, has broken with Hindu tradition and introduced legislation to allow equal inheritance rights for women. *(AP)*

Trading places

Jerusalem: A Jew who went missing for 24 years has turned up as a Muslim convert with an Arab name living in Bethlehem. Nir Yaakov, 63, was traced after his family tried to sell his share of their inheritance. *(AFP)*

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President of Germany pays homage to Nazis' 1944 Warsaw victims

BY PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MORE than 200,000 victims of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising against Nazi occupation were honoured as national heroes yesterday when Poland marked the fiftieth anniversary of one of the Second World War's bloodiest battles. President Walesa joined hundreds of veterans of the rebellion at an outdoor Mass celebrated by Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Poland's Roman Catholic Primate, to commemorate the 63-day struggle.

John Major, in Warsaw for the anniversary, promised full British support for Poland's democratic reforms and for its goal of becoming a member of the European Union. "Today, as you recall our past alliance, let me say that we will continue to support Poland as it faces the challenge of constructing a modern democracy," the Prime Minister said when he and Waldemar Pawlak, his Polish counterpart, opened an exhibition of Polish and British archives.

"Now Poland is not only at peace, but Britain is at your side, and will remain so as we were 50 years ago," Mr Major said. Mr Pawlak said that Poles had waited 50 years for the disappearance of the East-West divisions created in the aftermath of the war. "Having in mind our common historic experiences, we have to look into the future," he said. "History will urge us on, so that the effort of the people who fought for a free Europe can be implemented."

President Walesa, who initiated the idea of using the uprising anniversary as a point for reconciliation with Germany and Russia, was later host at a lunch attended by Baroness Thatcher, Al Gore, the American Vice-President, President Herzog of Germany and representatives of President Yeltsin and President Mitterrand. "You can negotiate with your enemies, but you sit down at the table with your friends," the Polish leader told his guests.

President Yeltsin turned down Mr Walesa's invitation to attend the commemoration. His deputy spokesman said yesterday that this was because he was "overloaded with work". Instead, Mr Yeltsin sent Sergei Filatov, his Chief of Staff, who set a conciliatory tone before leaving Moscow by saying that Poles and Russians alike were victims of Soviet totalitarianism under Stalin.

As significant as the day was for Poles, it was also important for Herr Herzog, who laid a wreath at the monument to soldiers of the Polish Home Army. He admitted that it was not easy for him to stand in the cemetery where those killed fighting the Germans lay buried. "I have come here so as not to let down that half of the Polish population which is in favour of my invitation to this ceremony," he said, referring to a recent survey which suggested that nearly 50 per cent of Poles opposed Mr Walesa's invitation to the German head of state.

During the day, Mr Major and Mr Gore met, at the American's request, to discuss a wide range of topics, among them a reaffirmation that Russia has no veto over the wish of any of its former Warsaw Pact allies to join Nato. They also discussed the situation in the Baltic states and North Korea.



President Herzog of Germany placing a wreath yesterday at the Gloria Victis memorial to the Warsaw Uprising. John Major said Britain, backing Poland's application for European Union membership, was alongside the nation just like 50 years ago

Offer to Bonn on nuclear shipment

Bonn: Adolf Jaekle, the businessman jailed for nuclear smuggling, is reported to have offered to hand over 60 grams of weapons-grade plutonium to German authorities, provided they treat him leniently (Matthew Beard writes).

Herr Jaekle, 52, was arrested on May 10 after police found six grams of high-grade plutonium-239 at his home, believed to be the first weapons-grade plutonium from Russia on the black market.

Der Spiegel magazine said Herr Jaekle would not reveal the whereabouts of 60 grams of plutonium in Europe, and names of buyers and suppliers, unless he received a guarantee that he would get preferential treatment when he was sentenced.

Riot blame

Bonn: Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, the German Justice Minister, said a neo-Nazi rampage in the Second World War Buchenwald death camp nine days ago could have been prevented with better policing. *(Reuter)*

Strike spreads

Bucharest: Tens of thousands of Romanian miners joined a five-day-old coal strike led by lignite miners in the west of the country, threatening power station output. Miners want 70 per cent pay rises. *(Reuter)*

Blast danger

Vladivostok: The Russian navy has started dismantling more than 15 ammunition dumps near residential areas in the Far East because of the risk of explosions. A huge blast rocked the village of Novonezhino on May 14. *(AP)*

Ministers out

Ashkhabat: Two of the most powerful figures in Turkmenistan's government, Paizgeldi Neredov, the Agriculture Minister, and Nazar Sayunov, the Oil and Gas Minister, have been sacked for corruption, an official newspaper said. *(Reuter)*

Wildfire rages

Valencia: Hundreds of firefighters and soldiers battled to contain a wildfire that forced 300 people to flee their isolated homes around Requena, some 44 miles west of here, but the blaze was considered to be out of control. *(AP)*

Fare cops

Prague: Foreigners living in the city are helping the authorities to combat cheating taxi drivers by posing as tourists with no knowledge of Czech to weed out the most blatant overchargers. *(Reuter)*


Médecin: appeal failed

Disgraced Mayor plans Nice comeback

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

JACQUES Médecin, the disgraced former Mayor of Nice who is languishing behind bars in Uruguay, has announced his intention to run in the municipal elections next year if extradited to France to face corruption charges in the autumn.

While heavy media coverage of a handcuffed Médecin being escorted off the plane and led away to a French jail would be a coup for Edouard Balladur's government in striking a blow against national corruption, Médecin's reappearance in Nice will also have far-reaching repercussions for the city, whether or not he stands for office.

Médecin, who reigned over Nice for 24 years, fled to Punta del Este in Uruguay in September 1990 when faced with a claim for payment of 20 million francs (£2.5 million) in back taxes and criminal prosecution for misuse of 13 million francs of public funds. In his absence, Médecin was forbidden from holding public office, sentenced to a year in prison and fined 300,000 francs.

Despite two international warrants, he was not arrested by Uruguayan authorities until November 1993, after the French government formally demanded his extradition. Technically France and Uruguay have no extradition agreement. After months of procrastination, the court of appeal in Montevideo, where Médecin is being held, put an end to the former Mayor's hopes of frustrating French justice when it approved his extradition order on Friday.

Médecin may have lost all credibility with the political classes in Nice but he still enjoys a certain amount of popular support among those who believe his claims that he is the victim of a smear campaign in Paris. His book, *An Exemplary Lynching*, is selling well on the Côte d'Azur.

Among other charges he must face are those relating to the millions of francs of public funds which were diverted to a Beverly Hills bank via a company in Panama between 1983 and 1989, allegedly to fund a search for American singers for the Nice Opera, of which Médecin was the director. There is abundant evidence that this money was diverted for the personal use of Médecin and his family.

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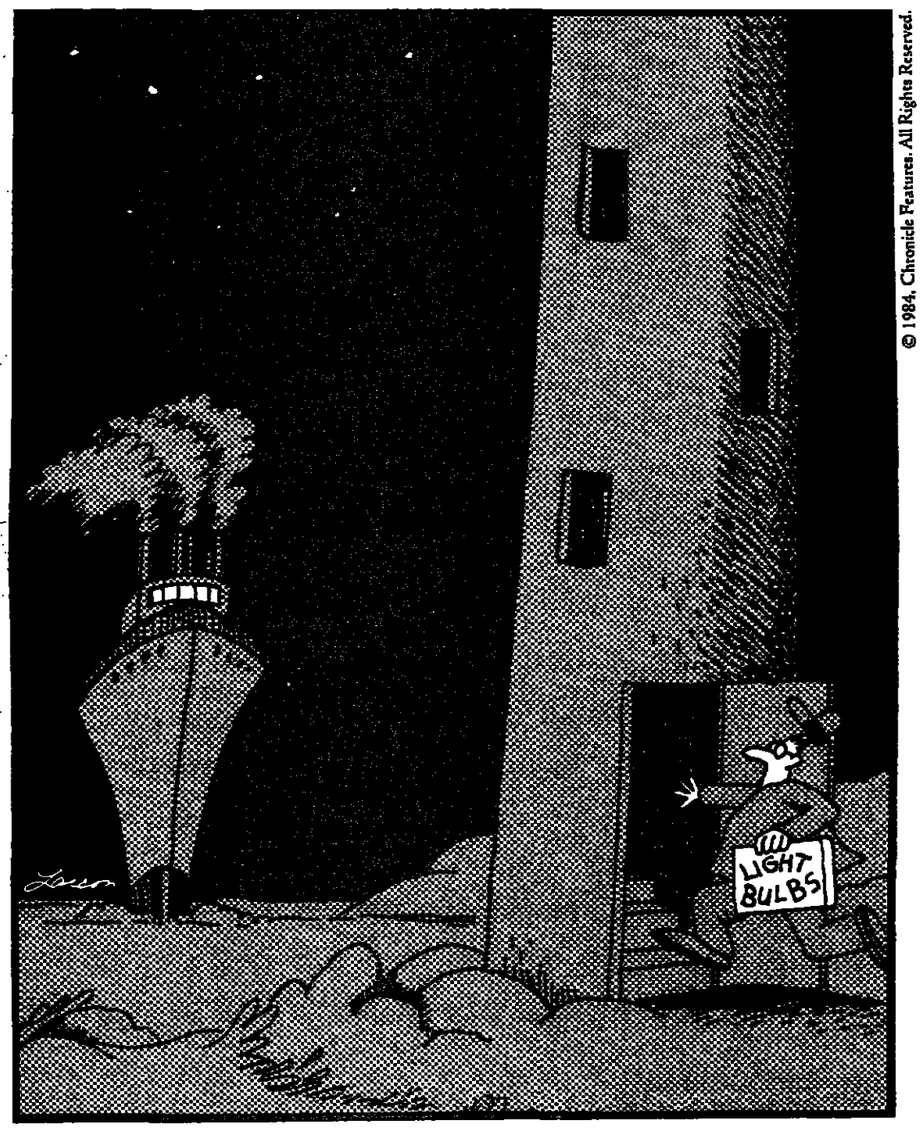
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Port-au-Prince declares state of siege as Mexico questions legality of Security Council resolution

Puppet president invokes voodoo gods to save Haiti

BY DAVID ADAMS AND TUNKU VARADARAJAN

INVOKING Haiti's voodoo spirits, Emile Jonaissaint, the country's de facto president, yesterday declared a state of siege and said that "the battle for Haiti is under way".

"We can't back off ... we have protectors," the 81-year-old president told Haitians in a pre-dawn address, apparently referring to the guardian gods of voodoo in which Mr Jonaissaint is a dedicated believer. As in the past, the president mysteriously made his declaration at an hour when few Haitians were awake to hear him.

The highly theatrical speech was delivered in response to the United Nations resolution backing the use of force to topple Haiti's military government. Mr Jonaissaint threatened to suspend further civil liberties, without mentioning any specific measures. Observers saw this as a somewhat empty threat in a country which is already under effective military rule and where more than 3,000 civilians have been killed by military repression since the 1991 coup which ousted the democratically elected President, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Mr Jonaissaint was installed by the military as president and prime minister in May, and is not recognised by the international community. He sought to invoke Haitian nationalist sentiments with defiant words. "Let no one doubt our determination. The threat of invasion and occupation is on the way to becoming a reality," he said. "We will fight with all our might and means. It will be hard and implacable."

But few Haitians are likely to heed these words. Mr Jonaissaint is widely regarded as a puppet of the military and usurper of the president's office.

Mexico, meanwhile, has criticised Security Council Resolution 940 which authorised the formation of a multinational force empowered to use "all necessary means" to restore Mr Aristide to power. Cuba, Uruguay and Venezuela are also critical and Brazil, which abstained in the vote on the resolution, voiced its dissatisfaction. Only Argentina among the states of Latin America has been unequivocal in its support for armed intervention in Haiti.

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Victor Flores Oléa, the Mexican delegate to the UN, said his country rejected the use of force "except in cases of a threat to peace or acts of aggression". In emphasising that Mexico did not regard Haiti as falling into either category, Señor Flores Oléa has effectively deemed the intervention to be unlawful. This could prove to be a problem for President Clinton. The Latin American states have been firm so far in their support for Mr Aristide, endorsing the nine previous Security Council resolutions calling for his restoration to power.



Jonaissaint: battle for Haiti is under way

The Mexican position is flawed in an important respect, however, as it fails to take account of a letter to the Security Council from Mr Aristide — whom Resolution 940 reaffirms as "the legitimately elected President of Haiti" — urging it to take "swift and decisive action".

The Security Council resolution received a mixed reaction in Haiti. The army chief, General Raoul Cédras, who led the coup against Mr Aristide, attended his regular Methodist church service on Sunday shortly before the UN vote was announced. On leaving the church, he gave no sign of repentance or anxiety. "After this service I have enough strength to defend the country," he said.

Leslie Manigat, Haiti's former President who was himself ousted by an army coup in 1988 but is no friend of Mr Aristide, called the UN decision a "tragic quadruple failure", blaming Haitians, Mr Aristide, America and the UN for Haiti's political crisis.

But for some time the majority of poor Haitians have been ready to accept whatever it takes to remove the army and its puppets from power and lift an onerous international embargo which is strangling an already half-dead economy.

The state of siege is likely to involve extra patrols by the 7,000-member army and police as well as increased activity by well-armed civilian paramilitary units recently organised by wealthy civilian backers of the military. These small paramilitary groups have recently been given some security functions in the capital, including night-time road blocks and identification checks.

Israel has turned down a request from Washington to provide troops as part of a Haiti peacekeeping force to follow up an American invasion, but said that it would offer "humanitarian" assistance after the military rulers had been ousted.

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A Haitian woman said to be possessed by a voodoo god dancing with a chicken around her neck during the festival of St Jacques in Plaine du Nord

Clinton juggles with invasion timetable



FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN military intervention in Haiti remains unlikely before late this month at the earliest, sources in Washington suggested yesterday, despite Sunday's United Nations Security Council vote authorising an invasion.

The White House yesterday warned Haiti's military leaders to depart "soon" or be ejected, and has completed most of its military preparations. With the exodus of Haitian boat people having recently all but dried up, however, there is little political pressure on President Clinton to act immediately — and many reasons for delay.

The Administration wants to let the regime consider the implications of the UN vote, and to give economic sanctions more time to bite. Officials have still not entirely dismissed the possibility that the regime will realise the hopelessness of its situation and leave voluntarily.

Mr Clinton also needs to rally public and congressional support for military intervention. A poll in *The Wall Street Journal* last Friday showed 56 per cent of Americans opposed to an invasion, and only 36 per cent in favour.

In addition, America still has to complete the multinational force that would take over once Haiti's military leadership is removed. President Menem of Argentina said yesterday that it would take up to two weeks to provide the 600 troops he has promised to contribute.

There are also limits on how long Mr Clinton can wait. Having threatened force and obtained UN authorisation, his credibility is on the line. Officials say he would be very reluctant to order an invasion less than two months before November's congressional elections, giving him a mid-September deadline.

In the meantime, President Clinton's hand could be forced at any moment by some unforeseen circumstance, such as harassment of the 3,000 American citizens still in Haiti, a fresh wave of terror against the Haitian people, or a new surge of boat people.

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Slum-dwellers await return of prophet who promises justice

BY DAVID ADAMS

ALMOST three years after Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's exiled President, was ousted by a military coup, his followers still yearn for the man they call "The Prophet" to return and lead them out of the wilderness of military repression and miserable poverty into a promised land of justice and prosperity.

In his absence Mr Aristide, 41, may have lost some of his charisma, especially among those who fear he may never return. "He is not the Messiah any more. But everyone wants him back. That is the only way we can breathe again," said Ronald, a social worker in the Cité Soleil slum.

From his monkish exile in a Washington apartment surrounded by US secret service bodyguards, Mr Aristide continues to commune with his congregation back home via Radio Democracy, a US military operation which transmits from planes flying over Haiti twice a week.

Despite serious reservations about Mr Aristide's political beliefs and state of mind, America now seems determined to restore him to power, even if that means an invasion. The former priest, who once wrote a song titled "Capitalism is a mortal sin", and described America as "Satan", has toned down his language. But he is still the victim of disinformation in Washington where his enemies, who include a number of important Republican congressmen, continue to accuse him of being "mentally ill", a "psychopath"

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and a "killer". These accusations stem from an infamous "psychological profile" prepared by the CIA last year and leaked to the press.

He has denied the charges. "I smile. I could even laugh because it's all garbage," he has said. The CIA profile has since been discovered to have been based on false evidence, some supplied by the Haitian military.

But sources close to Mr Aristide have confirmed he has in the past suffered from "nervous prostrations". In her book, *The Rainy Season*, Amy Wilentz paints the most detailed portrait of Mr Aristide after spending months with him in Haiti in the late 1980s. She describes him suffering nervous crises on several occasions, mostly after having narrowly survived assassination attempts in which members of his congregation were massacred. She describes priests and nuns giving him Valium to calm his nerves. "But the drugs sometimes brought on delirium," she wrote.

Mr Aristide's metamorphosis from priest to politician stems from his advocacy of liberation theology, shunned by the Vatican but advocated by radical priests in poor slums and rural areas of Latin America. His defence of the poor earned him a devoted following in Haiti, the most underdeveloped country in the western hemisphere. But his political activity, culminating in his victorious presidential campaign, threatened to upset the traditional order which bestowed business monopolies and other privileges on a dozen wealthy families who dominate financial activity in a country of seven million people. "They looked at Aristide and saw another Fidel Castro in the Caribbean," said one liberal businessman, scornful of those of his class who have failed to wake up to the need for social justice and honest government in Haiti. "They would rather have no government and make the laws themselves than be governed by Aristide."



Aristide: victim of smear campaign

Doubts raised over Simpson witnesses

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LOS ANGELES

SOME of the most compelling stories about O. J. Simpson may never be put to the jury at his trial.

A question of credibility could trip up Jill Shively, who was paid $5,000 (£3,250) for telling a television programme that she saw him driving near the crime scene about the time Nicole Brown Simpson, his former wife, and Ronald Goldman, her male friend, were killed.

Keith Zlomsowitch's tale of Mr Simpson stalking his ex-wife and spying on her having sex may not be heard either if the judge decides it is too inflammatory.

Among the other evidence likely to be in dispute is the dramatic tape of Mrs Simpson's frantic police emergency call last year, with Simpson stomping and swearing in the background, and most of the material seized at Simpson's home after the murders.

Whatever happens, legal experts predict a contentious hearing when Judge Lance Ito decides what evidence he will allow in the trial of the actor and former American football star. Mr Simpson, 47, has pleaded not guilty to two murder charges and has been refused bail. His trial has been scheduled to begin on September 19.

Ms Shively and Mr Zlomsowitch did not testify at a preliminary hearing but did so before a grand jury in June.

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Sarajevo snipers test scope of UN mandate with attacks on civilians close to peacekeeping forces

Serbs manoeuvre for new round of peace negotiations

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

THE Bosnian Serbs announced yesterday that they want to restart negotiations on the major powers' peace plan which they rejected last week.

Two more Sarajevo civilians were wounded while using the city's tram system yesterday as sniper attacks on the city continued. There has been a dramatic rise in woundings and killings in Sarajevo since the Serbs reimposed their siege of the city last week. Ceasefire violations are now three times more frequent than they were ten days ago, when United Nations officials described them as "very high".

For the third time in four days, Serb snipers fired on and hit trams as they passed in front of the Holiday Inn, home to many foreign journalists and a handful of Western diplomats.

The Serb sniper yesterday fired at the tram through a gap just between two French UN armoured personnel carriers and the anti-sniper team deployed in the area. There are several other areas where the Serbs can shoot at the trams, but they appear to be trying to make a point by wounding residents in front of peacekeepers.

According to the UN officials' interpretation of their mandate, peacekeepers cannot in any circumstances use force to protect the lives of anyone but themselves. However, UN troops are increasingly firing at Serb snipers attacking civilian residents.

Top Serb and government officials are scheduled to begin meeting today to discuss an anti-sniping agreement and salvaging a discarded accord from June 8, which provided for the release of prisoners and a method of accounting for missing persons. Also on the agenda is a reopening of Sarajevo. That meeting has



been cast in a somewhat more optimistic light by yesterday's Serb request to restart peace plan negotiations. The Serbs' announcement, made in a written statement, said they hoped to recommence talks immediately with representatives of the five-nation Contact Group.

It remains unlikely, however, that the "take it or leave it" peace plan can be altered in a way which will satisfy the Serbs, the mainly Muslim government of Bosnia, and the position staked out by Western countries on the territorial integrity of the polarised country.

The point at which the plan is doomed to failure is over sovereignty. The Bosnian Serbs have fought a war to secede from Bosnia and the government is unlikely to concede defeat. Western countries, with an eye to a worryingly unstable situation in post-Cold War Eastern and Southern Europe, have maintained the position that borders cannot be changed by force.

However, the Serb communiqué has been taken as a positive indicator after ten days of negative signs. Since the Serbs rejected the Contact Group proposal, their soldiers have fired on and hit relief flights, killed a British peacekeeper in an ambush, and cut off Sarajevo for the first time since March. On Saturday, the Serbs said that they were considering breaking all communication with the peace negotiators.

The tide appears to have turned with a visit to Belgrade by Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, on Sunday and a statement by President Milosevic of Serbia. Widely believed to be behind the Bosnian Serbs, he publicly urged them to reconsider the peace plan.

Mr Kozyrev, opening the way for a "greater Serbia", said the rump Yugoslavia would have the right to form a federation with the Bosnian Serbs and Montenegro if they signed the peace plan and withdrew their forces to borders laid down by it. He also said all sanctions would be lifted if they agreed to the plan.



A Sarajevo woman, wounded in the leg by a Bosnian Serb sniper yesterday while travelling on a tram, being examined by a doctor before he removes the bullet. Gunmen have continued to menace the people of the Bosnian capital despite the presence of French United Nations anti-sniper teams

Moscow rejects shares bail-out

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE Russian government has announced that it will not compensate the millions of shareholders who suffered huge losses in the collapsed MMM "investment fund", post-Communist Russia's biggest financial scandal.

The conservative opposition, meanwhile, is crowing over the government's embarrassment, hoping that the scandal will still further discredit capitalism in the eyes of voters. "The regime is afraid that, if MMM collapses, millions of Russians will turn away from the capitalist ideology it is imposing on them by force," said *Pravda*, which still expounds the Communist line.

MMM continues to deny that it has collapsed, despite last week slashing the price of its shares from 115,000 to 1,000 roubles. Amazingly, many Russians still seem willing to accept MMM's promises.

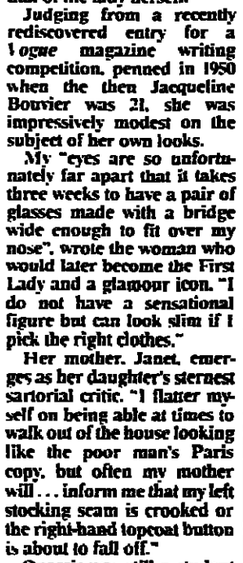
Outside its central office yesterday, a long queue formed to buy shares at the new price. A pensioner said: "What else can I do? There's no point selling the shares I have at this price. I might as well start again and hope for the best."

All the shareholders in the queue, whether they were among those calling for the MMM directors to be put on trial or those still expressing trus in them, were united in blaming the government.

Nikolai, an electrician, said: "Now the government tells us that MMM has evaded taxes. They also say that they investigated it seven times. Why didn't they discover this before? Of course, all the officials were bribed."

He went on to describe how, last Friday, while ordinary shareholders were queueing interminably in the sun, "mafia types" and police in uniform simply walked in and emerged carrying large sacks, presumably full of money.

The government has admitted it knew in March that MMM was breaking tax and securities regulations, but has not been able to say why it took no action. In the confusion of post-Soviet Russian legislation, no one is even sure if the directors of MMM can be brought to trial, since there is no law against pyramid schemes as such.



Onassis: glamour icon

How young Onassis wrote off her looks

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AS THE American media continue to celebrate the fabled beauty of the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, a single dissenting voice has wafted back from the past: that of the lady herself.

Judging from a recently rediscovered entry for a *Vogue* magazine writing competition, penned in 1950 when the then Jacqueline Bouvier was 21, she was impressively modest on the subject of her own looks.

My "eyes are so unfortunately far apart that it takes three weeks to have a pair of glasses made with a bridge wide enough to fit over my nose", wrote the woman who would later become the First Lady and a glamour icon. "I do not have a sensational figure but can look slim if I pick the right clothes."

Her mother, Janet, emerges as her daughter's sternest sartorial critic. "I flatter myself on being able at times to walk out of the house looking like the poor man's Paris copy, but often my mother will ... inform me that my left stocking seam is crooked or the right-hand topcoat button is about to fall off."

Onassis was still a student when she won the competition, beating 1,280 applicants. The prize was a year-long post as a *Vogue* editor in Paris and New York, but she never took up the offer, because her mother felt "terrifically strongly" about "keeping me in the home".

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Why can't we drink when we like?

No bar to pub opening

IT IS a great British failing that we invariably make mockeries of our national institutions. Even before the Church of England considered it a fit topic for debate whether or not priests should believe in God, a latter-day idol — Eric Idle to be precise — had already laid into the one place most of us genuinely feel at home on Sundays: the pub.

In his celebrated Monty Python monologue on the horrors of package holidays, the *coup de grâce* that every Englishman recognised with a wince was the line "and you can't even get a drink because you're still in England and the pub shuts every time you're thirsty". It was a cliché even more uncomfortably accurate then the half-built Spanish hotel; one equally recognised in reverse by tens of thousands of foreign tourists who every year visit Britain, lured by advertisements featuring idyllic village pubs, but failing to mention the absurd anachronism of opening hours that even now are the most restrictive in Europe.

True, it is six years since we allowed publicans to keep their doors open throughout the afternoon and, thanks to the eminently sensible move of Michael Forsyth to the Home Office in John Major's government reshuffle, we may soon be allowed to sip a pint while watching Sunday afternoon cricket on the green. But it is still a case of much too little, much too late. And almost certainly not enough to halt the decline in the licensed trade which threatens to close up to 10,000 public houses by the end of the decade.



PETER MILLAR

These are no scare-mongering phoney figures: there are already nearly 7,000 fewer public houses in Britain than there were just 12 years ago. Trade figures estimate there are about 65,000 left, but it would take a blind, and insensitive, optimist not to realise that we are in danger of being cavalier about the erosion of an essential part of the English way of life. Look at the fate of any village where the public house has been bought up, closed down and converted into accommodation: a strand of community life dies with it.

The tragedy is that the British pub, on average, has improved immeasurably over the past two decades. Compared with the dire "modernisations" of the 1930s, the sterile roadhouses built in the 1950s and the fizzy swill served up in the early 1970s, there has been a qualitative sea-change. The good publican today values his establishment's historic heritage, takes care to keep up the quality of his food, which can help his profit margins considerably, and values the variety and condition of his beers.

It has long been unfashionable to support Camra, but the Campaign for Real Ale, which opens its Great British Beer Festival at Olympia today, successfully reawakened an awareness of our national brews. British beer is today widely acknowledged to be a subject for pride, as subtle, varied and demanding on the educated palate as the products of Burgundy micro-climates. But one crucial difference is that our ales are at their best only when pulled by handpump from a barrel properly racked in a well-run cellar. In short, good beer and good pubs are synonymous.

Lord Young recognised this when he started his well-meant but controversial campaign to persuade the big brewers to relax their stranglehold on the retail side of the industry for the sake of allowing their smaller rivals to compete. Sadly, the result in many cases was simply the closure of the least profitable pubs. The only answer is total deregulation on opening hours. It is not just village pubs that have suffered, but big city establishments whose reputations have suffered because the law still requires all drunks to be expelled onto the streets at the same time: an hour when few of them can reasonably be expected to head home for bed, no matter what the local temperance society might wish.

SCOTLAND, once famed for its after-hours street fights, led the way in realising that a more relaxed attitude from the law resulted in a more relaxed attitude from drinkers. This is a rule long recognised by even the most oppressive regimes. Friends who lived in East Berlin — before the Wall came down — used to laugh in pitying amusement when told we citizens of the "free" world were not allowed a social drink after 11pm except in expensive clubs.

All-day Sunday opening is much to be welcomed, but it is the least that should be done. It is time to end our drastically over-extended curfew, and allow landlords the freedom to open as and when local residents and the demands of commerce determine. Treat people like adults and there is a better chance they will behave as such. The message to the self-appointed moral watchdogs of the nanny state is clear and simple: "Time, gentlemen, please."

MARK PEPPER



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All decked out

You can learn to be a "yachtie" this week, but the exhaustive training will probably take three days, four parties and a boat trip

Arriving at Cowes for the first time last week, I felt rather like Dixie Griffin, the American wife of a former president of Magdalen College, Oxford. Baffled by the sheer strangeness of her first dinner at high table and by a grace in Latin, she supposedly confided to her neighbour: "The only words in Latin I have ever heard are *coitus interruptus*."

The only boats I had ever been on are the hydrofoil to the Isle of Wight and the ferry to Rosslare. All I knew about yachts was that if you can't get a big one, get a small one (the immortal advice of my great-uncle Godfrey) and that if you have to ask about the cost of keeping a yacht you can't afford to have one (J.P. Morgan.) What knew I of spinnakers or Sigma 38s? Of fo'c'sles or Flying Fifteens? Of reefers or Royal Yacht Squadrons? The one word I felt comfortable with was landlubber.

Three days, four parties and a boat trip later — even if it was in a motor launch and I screamed all the way — I may not quite be a fully qualified yachtie, but I'm certainly no longer a mere landlubber. For me, Cowes Week became a crash course in joining the boating set. Here's how:

First, the sailing bit. One must learn to identify the "yachties". This is not as easy as it might seem. Ever since "marine-wear" became synonymous with high-street fashion in the sports-conscious 1980s, conveying a spurious sense of fitness on the wearer, however fat, the punters who gather to watch the races have looked uncannily like the 5,000 competitors. *Everyone* at Cowes wears polo-shirts and shorts. *Everyone* wears deck shoes. *Everyone* wears Cap'n Bob-style hats. *Everyone* is sunburnt.

But with a bit of tuition from Paul Bertie, owner of the Ocean World shop in Cowes High Street, who sells the real stuff to real sailors, I found it easy to spot the poseurs. They wear suspiciously new Timberlands, if need be bought from the stand in the marina. Sailors' deck shoes are white from sea salt and battered from use.

Spectators wear striped shirts covered in sextants, ships' wheels, and anchors in pinks, apricots and what Mr Bertie calls the "Mediterranean" colours beloved of the Italians and French. Sailors wear plain polo shirts in bottle green, Cowes's own shade of "rusty" red, navy or ecru, unadorned apart from the name of their boat discreetly embroidered in one corner. The crew to spot are those from the Yeoman XXVIII, skippered



RACHEL KELLY

by the Duke of Edinburgh. They wear plain green polo shirts with "Yeoman" embroidered in gold.

For the novice, the easiest sartorial giveaway of the true sailor is his red "Mountgay" hat. Named after a brand of Caribbean rum, the hat can be obtained only by taking part in the world's other regattas. The more faded the better.

Yachting club officials who judge the races are easier to spot. They are the ones in navy reefer jackets with black, not gold buttons, and white cotton drill trousers, padding in and out of the Royal Yacht Squadron's castle-like headquarters, the only building of any architectural distinction on the seafront.

I wandered in to find model ships and sailing prints, leather armchairs and men of naval bearing who were brandishing binoculars. Only afterwards did I discover that this was quite sacrilegious because I am not a "lam" — "lady associate member" — the wife or unwed daughter of a member.

For a crash course in club mores, the anecdote to remember is the one about the Countess of Cardigan, who in 1907 collapsed and died on the lawn, prompting one member to remark: "Those damned women have no respect for the squadron."

Little has changed. Women, generally do not sail but dress to catch a rich sailor and preferably one who belongs to a club. For Cowes is about clubs as splendid as their names — the Royal Corinthian, the Royal London, the Royal Yacht Squadron — and their stupendous parties.

Ever since the first regatta was held in 1813, Cowes has mixed social with boating life. The regatta was born of efforts by cross-Channel smugglers to elude revenue men, but the presence of royalty and aristocratic yacht-owners quickly ensured a niche in the social calendar. George IV turned the original club into the Royal Yacht Squadron, and the building of Osborne House by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert ensured that the connection between Cowes and royalty continued.

Standing on the Royal Yacht Squadron lawn, looking out to sea to admire *Britannia* and a bay full of yachts dancing in the evening light, catching a glimpse of Prince Philip or former King Constantine of Greece mingling with the crowd, is a match for a wet picnic at Glyndebourne or a paddock at Ascot.

Yet ever since 1853, the regatta has supposedly been in decline; in 1945, *Yachting Monthly* declared: "Cowes week is bound to die." Bungee jumping and a McDonald's stand in the marina may now compete with black-tie dancing.

But Cowes is none the worse for a more populist mix. The idea that the institution has been going downhill is comfortingly British. But Cowes is buzzing where it matters: in the marquees and on the lawns, at the bars and in the discos. The parties are enlivened by sea air and daring misbehaviour in a toy-town community. Cowes survives, triumphant.

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Professor John Batchelor on Conrad's tortured soul and lonely death, 70 years ago this week

Heart of a dark paradox

Joseph Conrad, who died at 8.30am on August 3, 1924, was a profound sceptic for most of the 66 years of his life, but for the past 70 years he has been, formally at least, a Catholic, in that he is buried in a Catholic cemetery in Canterbury.

He was a hysterical, egotistical, depressed and difficult man who, at the moment of his death, became altruistic and noble; somewhat like Lord Jim, hero of his own favourite among his novels. On August 2 he had set out to look at a house he was thinking of renting, but he turned back and came home suffering from a pain in his chest. A doctor who examined him diagnosed indigestion.

He went to bed in great pain and had to have oxygen to help his breathing. His younger son, John, and a friend, Richard Curle, offered to sit with him, but he asked them to leave him in order that his laboured breathing should not distress them.

He had an agonising night, looked after by his devoted manservant, Foote. Early the following morning he asked his older son, Borys, to hire a nurse so that Foote could be relieved, and he told Foote to go and rest. So when death came for him he was alone. His disabled wife, Jessie, who was helpless in bed in another room, heard him call out: "Here..." and then he fell heavily out of his chair and was found dead on the floor. The "indigestion" had been a precursor of a massive heart attack.

His professional life had been as paradoxical as his death. As a writer Conrad was a revolutionary who became a conservative. His great novel published at the turn of the century, *Lord Jim* (1900), takes a traditional Victorian narrative form, the tale of imperial adventure, and adapts it for the purposes of what is in effect a wholly new kind of novel, a complex internal psychodrama. In 1923, by contrast, in the heyday of Modernism, he published *The Rover*, his last completed novel, where he seems to return to a straightforward chronological action-based narrative.

He was born Teodor Josef Konrad Korzeniowski in Ukraine to aristocratic Polish parents on December 3, 1857. Nineteenth-century Poland was partitioned (by Russia, Austria and Prussia). Conrad's parents, Apollo and Ewa Korzeniowski, were celebrated patriotic activists who were punished (and brought to their early deaths) for leading Polish resistance to the Russians. From the age of 11, Conrad was an orphan looked after by an uncle.

As a Polish-born Russian subject and the child of political prisoners he faced a bleak future, and at the age of 15 he began a lifetime of exile; he joined first the French and later (at the age of 20) the British merchant marine. English was thus his third language, after French and Polish. He was a sailor for 20 years, qualifying as first mate and then master (although he commanded only one ship) and receiving British citizenship in the 1880s. But throughout this period he was reading in both English and French.

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Joseph Conrad: his curious marriage survived the odds

One popular view of Conrad has been that he fell into novel-writing, and into English, more or less by accident. It is more accurate to see the whole of Conrad's life between 1857 and 1890 as preparation for life as a writer. By becoming a writer he was following a parental model: as well as being a political activist his father had been a noted playwright and essayist, and a translator of English texts into Polish (Conrad first read Shakespeare and Dickens in his father's translations).

His traumatic childhood did him severe psychological damage. Throughout his life he suffered from clinical depression which expressed itself as paralysing "writer's block". The writing of *Under Western Eyes* (1911), the novel which deals with resistance to the same Tsarist Russia that had killed his parents, re-opened old wounds to such an extent that when he had finished writing the novel Conrad became completely deranged. His wife Jessie recorded that in February 1910 he lay raving in Polish, with the uncorrected manuscript of *Under Western Eyes* lying at the foot of the bed, and that as far as she could tell he had lost all grip on reality and was talking to the characters in the novel.

> When he finished *Under Western Eyes* he lay raving in Polish

His marriage to Jessie George is another Conradian paradox. When he married her in 1896 he was a middle-aged aristocratic Polish *emigré* sailor turned writer, and she was a working-class girl of 24, a good cook and a good typist but ill-equipped to be any kind of intellectual companion to him.

Far from being a democratic gesture, his marriage displays Conrad's simplified aristocratic perception of England. He simply could not afford to marry an English woman equivalent in social standing to a Polish aristocrat. And if he could not marry an equal then it scarcely mattered how far down the social scale he went in this alien country.

Against all the odds, the marriage to Jessie worked. She put up with the great writer's tantrums, depressions and chronic ill-health (though her own health was poor for much of their married life) and she bore him two sons. After the birth of John, the second son (named after their close friend John Galsworthy) in 1906, Conrad came to love and respect Jessie. Her fidelity was unshakable, and in his later years Conrad increasingly valued fidelity.

The great works of his early and middle years — *Heart of Darkness*, *Lord Jim*, *Nostromo*, *The Secret Agent* and *Under Western Eyes* — are so complex that they notoriously resist attempts to elucidate their meaning. But as he grew older he turned — or returned — to simpler expressions of human value. In the preface to his autobiographical book *A Personal Record* he stated his conviction that "the world, the temporal world, rests on a few very simple ideas; so simple that they must be as old as the hills. It rests notably, among others, on the idea of Fidelity."

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Far from being a fond childhood memory, measles can still cause death, injury or permanent brain damage to those not immunised

Why your child needs a jab this winter

IN THE contest of doctors against measles, measles is down but not out, and in the last year has shown signs that it may still recover sufficiently to deliver another punishing blow. The Government is alert to the danger and intends to immunise seven million schoolchildren in November in order to abort a major epidemic.

Before measles vaccination was available, there were up to 350,000 cases annually. The disease is usually represented in folklore as one of the milder inconveniences of childhood; a time when parents could display their affection by reading to their children by the light of a suitably shaded lamp. This cosy sickroom scene takes no account of the children in whom measles did not run a simple course but who, by virtue of the immuno-suppressant effect of the measles virus, were rendered susceptible to a wide variety of secondary infections.

Measles is caused by a paramyxovirus which is transmitted by droplet infection; the nature of its spread is epitomised by the war-time slogan "Coughs and sneezes spread diseases", for the virus is carried in the small droplets sprayed into the air from the nose, mouth and throat of patients when they cough, sneeze or splutter.

Interestingly by the time children are covered in a rash and are feeling really miserable, they are already less infectious; maximum infectivity is during the few days before there is any evidence of the disease, and in the interim period during which time the child is feeling unwell but there is as yet no rash.

The incubation period for measles is between seven and 14 days; the initial symptoms are non-specific: the patient has what appears to be a bad cough and cold associated with inflamed watery eyes and a dislike of light.

The first specific sign of measles is a rash in the mouth, Koplik spots, which can be found about three days after the child has first



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

become ill. Koplik spots are soon followed by the generalised red rash, which can sometimes be so severe as to cause bruising. For coughers, measles is particularly distressing to the patient and is usually described as dry and hacking; the eyes are swollen, red and watery.

Pneumonia is perhaps the most dreaded of the complications which attack the child when its resistance is lowered by measles; a wide variety of organisms, bacterial, viral or fungal, can be involved. More common, but potentially less serious, is otitis media, an infection behind the eardrum.

About two per 1,000 patients with measles develop encephalitis, which carries a 10 per cent death rate; of those who survive a quarter are left permanently damaged.

Measles has one possible late complication, subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE). SSPE affects about one in seven to ten million people who have had measles and usually comes on five to ten years after the attack. Once it has started the course of SSPE is more rapid and is usually fatal within three years. Initially the sufferer, or sometimes teachers, family or friends, notices a deterioration in intellectual performance and disordered thought; later they suffer fits, changes in speech and crippling spasticity before death supervenes.

The hazards of measles can be prevented and in the autumn term all children between five and 16 — whatever their vaccination state, and whether they think they have had measles or not, will be encouraged to be immunised.

Although a high proportion — more than 90 per cent — of preschool children have been vaccinated since MMR (mumps, measles, rubella) injections started in 1988, it will have been ineffective in about 10 per cent of cases. Not all older children will have been vaccinated and it is these children, now at their secondary schools, who will be, by virtue of their age, particularly likely to have a bad, possibly complicated, attack of measles. The vaccine to be used this year will also include a component against German measles, rubella.

SIMON FRASER



A physiotherapist adjusts the controls of a TENS box attached to electrodes on a stroke victim's shoulder, relieving his pain by inhibiting pain messages from reaching the brain

Closing the gate on pain

Pain clinics offer victims a variety of means to take active control of their suffering. **Dr Abi Berger** reports

Sarah Hill gave birth to her first baby seven years ago, but she cannot remember much about it. At the time she was under the influence of pethidine injections and entonox ("gas and air"), which made her feel so groggy that she felt she wasn't really participating in her own delivery.

Second time around — and three years later — the Hills replaced the pethidine with a privately hired TENS machine, with more rewarding results, and by the time their youngest was born in 1992, TENS machines — transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators — could be found in most delivery suites around the country. Today their use is actively promoted by midwives, and the Natural Childbirth Trust encourages people to hire TENS machines and instructions, for use at home as well as in hospital, for the four weeks around the expected date of delivery. The hire cost is about £30.

TENS machines are also used with varying degrees of success in other situations, most commonly by people who suffer from chronic pain which is localised in one part of the body. They were first developed in the late 1960s, and the most basic kind is a small, portable, battery-operated electronic box that can be worn on a belt without getting in the way of day-to-day activities. Two or more electrodes are stuck to the skin with tape or self-adhesive pads, about three inches apart, on or near the painful area.

Shirley Sawyer, who runs the TENS Clinic at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, says: "It is usually a matter of trial and error to find the most effective spot for any individual patient, but in my experience about 60 per cent of people who come to us for a two-week trial get some relief from TENS. The most common problems patients present us with are lower back pain and sciatica, but we also have some success with painful shoulder or knee joints."

When a TENS machine is switched on, it sends out a steady stream of electrical signals which are felt as a pulsating or tingling sensation. The device is thought to work on the principles of the "gate theory" of pain. In its simplest form, this suggests that pain is felt when an unpleasant stimulus causes an electrical message to travel along nerve fibres to the spinal cord, and from there up to the brain. A series of "gates" within the spinal cord determine whether these messages get through to the brain. If a gate is open, more pain messages pass through and the person experiences higher levels of pain. Factors which tend to open a gate are stress, tension, thinking about pain and immobility. Factors which close a gate and prevent pain messages being transmitted include relaxation, distraction, exercise and mobility.

TENS machines are also thought to close the gate. The stream of regular electrical pulses from the TENS activates some of the larger nerve fibres, which transmit the sensation of "touch", and this has the effect of closing the gate and inhibiting pain messages from getting to the brain. It is similar to what happens when you rub a part of your body when it hurts, or put it under a cold tap.

TENS machines cannot offer relief if the nociceptive system — the part of the nervous system which transmits pain — becomes damaged. The nervous system used to be considered a fixed "wiring" system, but now it is thought of more as a "plastic", changeable, living system. If tissue is damaged, the pain fibres in that region can become muddled up, sometimes permanently.

The results can be alarming. The pain receptors in the damaged area may become so hyper-sensitive that even the slightest touch in that area is sent off mistakenly as a severe pain message — and this hyper-sensitivity may last for years, long after the original damage has occurred and healed. Some people who have such tender skin — or allodynia — are suffering from post-herpetic neuralgia, a condition where nerves have been damaged by the shingles virus. In this case, because of the allodynia, the TENS electrodes are often not tolerated in the very region which is painful.

Most hospitals hold regular pain clinics. Some patients have suffered from chronic pain for several years before they are referred to a pain clinic, while others may be referred within weeks of sustaining an injury or developing a painful medical condition. Not surprisingly more than 50 per cent of people who attend pain clinic are unable to work, and many will have to endure some pain for the rest of their lives.

For this reason, Dr Barry Nicholls, the consultant anaesthetist who runs the pain clinic at Musgrove Park Hospital, recognises that people with chronic pain often respond much better to a long-term psychological approach to pain management than to the more traditional, short-lived relief.

Dr Nicholls tries to explain to patients that he may not be able to offer a diagnosis, nor find the cause of their pain. Many will already have been around the usual circuit of GPs and specialists and will have been fully investigated a long time before they get to see him. Part of his job, as he sees it, is to explain that while conventional medicine in a sense has failed them, they can be taught to manage their pain in a way that is very effective in the long term.

"I try to explain it by comparing the pain they feel with ripples in a pond caused by throwing a stone in. The original stone has disappeared under the water, but ripples remain on the surface. Searching for the stone by sticking your hand in simply causes more ripples and disturbances. It can be the same when you look for the cause of chronic pain."

TENS machines can also play a valuable role in pain management programmes. Unlike injections and pills, and even acupuncture and osteopathy — which are all interventions performed by others, keeping patients in a very passive state — TENS machines can be used and controlled solely by the patient, placing them in a much more powerful and active position.

It is this "active control" that clinical psychologist Patrick Hill is seeking to harness at the pioneering pain management department at the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. This department is just one facet of Gloucester's health psychology service — itself one of only a handful which exist in the NHS.

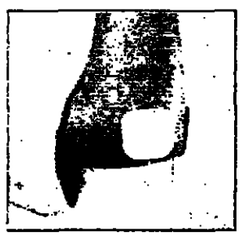
As Dr Hill explains: "The focus of the health psychology service is *not* to find people with psychological disturbances, but to take people with a health problem and to apply a psychological, rather than just a medical approach to it — in this case, to their pain."

The pain management service has devised a number of courses for patients with chronic pain which last from four to eight weeks. The courses facilitate the process which helps people to change from being "passive patients" to "active copers", and are designed to emphasise the importance of pain management, rather than cure.

The whole process concentrates on empowering people through their perception of control — by exercise, relaxation, practical strategies, goal setting and psychological techniques. For the longer term, the multi-disciplinary team who run the course try to ensure that people are equipped to carry on working independently so that when the course finishes, they are able to be self-supporting and self-reliant.

It seems to work. According to Patrick Dr Hill, 70 per cent of people who finish the course are not referred back for further medical advice for their pain. The "antiudinal shift" sticks for life. Demand is so great that from June the number of courses being run concurrently has been doubled, and a comprehensive training manual is now available to professionals.

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TENS machines can give patients control over their own treatment

The kill or cure dilemma

Exercise can often help those with pain caused by a narrowing of the arteries, but there is a risk of heart attack, says **Dr James Le Fanu**

Any type of exertion increases the demand for oxygenated blood both by the muscles in the legs and those of the heart. But when the arteries to either are narrowed, this increased demand cannot be met and may result in a pain of such intensity that there is no alternative other than to desist.

In the heart this is experienced as the crushing pain of angina pectoris, and in the legs a cramping pain in the calves known as intermittent claudication. After a short period the pain subsides and exercise can be resumed until it recurs again. Those with either angina or claudication, therefore, have to learn to pace themselves and live within the limits of their disability.

But, paradoxically, those who defy these limits and exercise regularly through their pain are often rewarded with a marked improvement in their symptoms. The first clinical account of angina by the English physician William Heberden, published in 1772, described a man who "set himself the task of sawing wood for half an hour every day and was nearly cured". This improvement in angina has been attributed to two important physiological adaptations of the heart to regular exercise — a slowing of the heart rate and a fall in blood pressure which together reduce the heart muscles' need for oxygen. Hence the threshold rises of the amount of exercise that can be done before the onset of pain.

Regrettably this prescription of "exercise" for those with angina is not without its hazards. Heavy exertion (the equivalent of shovelling snow, slow jogging or, indeed, sawing wood) increase the risk of a heart attack even among the fit, and by as much as one hundredfold among the unfit, according to two separate studies published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The specific risk in those with angina has not been established but it must be substantial as post-mortem examinations of those who collapse and die during a marathon invariably show narrowing of the arteries to the heart.

The unfortunate angina patient is, therefore, frustrated by the cruel dilemma that regular exercise may either cure or kill. The most that can be said is that it may contribute to a fitter life but not necessarily a longer one.

The same dilemma does not arise, at least to the same extent, in those whose mobility is restricted by the vice-like calf pain of claudication. This too, often improves dramatically with regular exercise.

Thirty years ago, André Larssen, a Danish physiologist, instructed a group of seven patients to spend one hour every day walking for as long as their claudication pain would allow, to rest until it disappeared and then to walk again as energetically as possible.

After six months, their average walking distance had increased by 300 per cent and the time elapsed before the claudication pain came on had increased threefold. Meanwhile the symptoms in a control group had actually deteriorated, albeit slightly.

The most plausible explanation would be that Dr Larssen's exercise regime opened up some of the smaller arteries to the leg, but to his surprise he found blood flow to the muscle had remained unchanged and was no different from that in the control group.

In the subsequent 30 years several reasons have been put forward for this apparently paradoxical finding, which has focused attention on what happens to the blood once it gets into the muscle. In essence the arteries divide into ever narrower capillaries until ultimately they are only the diameter of a single red blood cell which then gives up its supply of oxygen to diffuse across the capillary wall into the muscle.

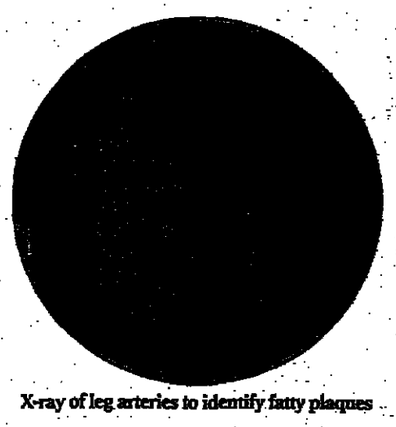
It is at this level of the micro circulation that regular exercise has its beneficial effects by increasing the network of capillaries, improving the efficiency with which the oxygen is delivered to the muscle. In addition, exercise seems to fluidify the blood, reducing its sludginess, so it travels with greater ease and rapidity through the capillaries.

The two other medical treatments for claudication also work at this level of the micro circulation. Smoking is the single most important exacerbating factor because the constituents of cigarette smoke increase the stickiness of the blood and its tendency to clot.

Those who quit are rewarded by an almost immediate improvement in the amount of exercise they can take; and, more importantly still, they reduce the chances that their symptoms will deteriorate to the point that the viability of the limb is threatened, which can lead to gangrene and the need for amputation.

In general, drug treatment has not proved very successful, with the possible exception of pentoxifylline, which also reduces stickiness of the blood and improves the elasticity of the red blood cells so they squeeze through the capillaries with greater ease.

The management of patients with claudication can thus essentially be encapsulated in the five-word axiom "stop smoking and keep walking!" This advice will provide measurable improvement in 90 per cent of sufferers. Only if it fails will the more drastic option of surgery become necessary where the narrowed section of the artery is bypassed with a graft.



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Blind trust deserts Berlusconi

Matt Frei says Italy has landed itself with a leader unable to act

Feeling abandoned and abused, Prime Minister Berlusconi sought refuge on Saturday with some of the people closest to him: the AC Milan soccer team, which he owns. He flew by helicopter to the ground, watched part of the practice and had lunch with the players, like a Roman emperor with his favourite gladiators. "You're my only real hope and encouragement," he told them tearfully.

Only 100 days after he was swept euphorically to power, Silvio Berlusconi cannot believe that the knives are out for him. Having been elected, thanks to his success as a TV, advertising, publishing, insurance, property, retail and soccer tycoon, Berlusconi finds that the riches of his Fininvest empire have become a liability. Belatedly, many Italians, including Berlusconi himself, have discovered the blindingly obvious: that a Prime Minister who owns so much is bound to experience a conflict of interest.

It was Berlusconi who gave the game away. First, he tried to bring state broadcasting under his control. This would be unacceptable in any healthy democracy, but it is especially wrong when the Prime Minister already controls a virtual monopoly of private television. Then he scored a disastrous own goal in the politicians' long-running match against the judiciary. By issuing a decree that ended preventive custody for corruption suspects, he committed three serious errors. He failed to foresee the public revulsion produced by the release of suspects such as the former health minister Francesco De Lorenzo. He wrongly imagined that he was more popular than the anti-corruption judges who threatened to resign. And he created the impression that the decree was designed to protect his own family and company executives.

Shortly after that legislation was withdrawn, Salvatore Sciascia, the head of the Fininvest tax department, was arrested and confessed to paying a £150,000 bribe to financial police over some tax fiddles. The payment, he said, had been authorised by the Prime Minister's brother Paolo, who promptly received his own arrest warrant, the second this year. Originally, the Prime Minister had not intended to address the conflict of interest until the end of September but his political difficulties forced him to make an announcement last Friday.

His plan is modelled on an American style "blind trust", with a five-member commission, and an administrator to supervise the management of the complex archipelago of Berlusconi companies, which have an annual turnover of $7 billion.

The President, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, however, has refused to help appoint three commission members, calling the task unconstitutional and fearing that it might impair his own neutrality. The next salvo came from a familiar corner: Umberto Bossi, the cantankerous head of the Northern League, and Berlusconi's troublesome coalition partner, who insists on a clearer separation between ownership and management.

There are several problems with the plan. It doesn't involve selling its owner's assets. Berlusconi is reluctant to sell. As he put it himself: "I don't want to be suddenly unemployed if the government falls." But even without managing his own company, he might still try to manage politics to the benefit of Fininvest. For instance, the restructuring of RAI, the bloated, loss-making state broadcaster, could benefit Fininvest's three commercial channels. Future legislation will have to be gauged by the trustees to see if it affects Fininvest's business interests, making them a new branch of the executive with a *de facto* veto. Governing would become even more laborious.

Furthermore, the plan does not address the conflict of interest within Berlusconi's party. Forza Italia was founded with Fininvest money; its campaign was orchestrated by Fininvest managers; 11 of its deputies and senators were recruited into politics from the boss's company. Two of its managers now sit in the Cabinet.

> The conflict of interest was always blindingly obvious

Umberto Bossi watched his mantle and his votes hijacked by Berlusconi and his brand new party, and saw the issue dearest to his heart — the turning of Italy into a federation — fade into obscurity. His political survival hangs on his ability to oppose Berlusconi. However "blind" the suggested trust, Bossi will oppose it.

Eventually, Bossi, and the neo-fascist-led National Alliance, would like to win their votes back and feast off a dying Forza Italia; but such thoughts of revenge are premature. The Northern League has not shown that it can be anything more than a protest movement. Another round of elections could bring more losses. The National Alliance needs more time in government to prove that it is clubbable. The left-wing opposition is too flaccid even to dream of election. The Italian electorate is not prepared to go the polls for a fourth time in a year. So the tycoon is likely to remain in power, but cut down to size and unable to threaten fresh elections.

Obsessed with popularity, Berlusconi will probably try to avoid any unpopular moves, especially over the budget. This has already been delayed because of an $18 billion pensions bill, which the government has to pay off. Half the budget goes on pensions, and Italy's population is ageing faster than any other in the world. Inaction may help Berlusconi's ratings, but it is likely to drive up interest rates and scare away foreign investors. A lame leader of a brittle coalition, a conflict of interest and a younger brother with a legal problem . . . this is not what the Italians had in mind when they voted for "the Great Seducer".

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Philip Bassett says the Treasury hawks will not accede to the Board of Trade's intervention plans

Reading between Portillo's lines

Michael Portillo spent much of his last day as Chief Secretary to the Treasury arguing with David Hunt, then the Employment Secretary, over how much money the Department of Employment will receive next year. The following day, the gamekeeper became the poacher: Mr Portillo was elevated in John Major's Cabinet reshuffle to Mr Hunt's job — and instead of resisting the department's bid for extra spending beyond its current £3.8 billion, he suddenly had to promote it.

Such a neat irony — not lost on Mr Portillo himself — is symptomatic of the dynamics of both reshuffles and the annual armwrestling of the public spending round, in which spending ministers try to prise as much as they can from the Treasury, while the Treasury battles to balance the books. The struggles over which government programmes will be maintained and which cut back form the stuff of Whitehall politics from this time of the year and into the autumn.

However, the striking thing about the leak yesterday of an acerbic letter from Mr Portillo to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, is that the letter concerns the fundamental review programme and exposes deep divisions over policy in an area where the Cabinet has trumpeted that it is at one.

The Government's series of fundamental reviews was devised to sidestep the annual cycle of expenditure planning, in order to take a longer-term look at what Whitehall departments should be doing, as well as what they are doing. Though little is yet known of the outcomes of these reviews, it is clear that they are intended to scrutinise fearlessly where nobody has dared scrutinise before.

Whitehall has seen many such reviews since the Conservatives came to office in 1979. Remarkably, though, much government activity, however reshaped, remains intact. That in itself is probably enough to exasperate someone like Mr Portillo, a Thatcherite radical who genuinely believes in rolling back government and who is building a tough reputation as the standard-bearer of the Tory Right.

The Conservatives' principal internal fault-line concerns Europe, but industrial intervention — whether, when and how much government should become involved — exposes divisions which are almost as deep. Mr Heseltine told the 1992 Conservative Party conference that he would intervene before breakfast, lunch and dinner on behalf of British industry.

Mr Portillo is at the opposite end of the scale: he said yesterday that his job as Chief Secretary was to examine every government budget to find activities which could be done better by others or from which the State could withdraw altogether.

This is a fundamental ideological division: should the Government help British business, and through that the country's economic performance, by giving specific assistance to industry, as other competitor countries do, or should the market be left alone to foster success without expensive interference?

Direct government support for industry was reduced by the Conservatives throughout the 1980s, as the Department of Trade and Industry's budget was whittled away. It is the now lowest in the European Union. But the array of support offered to industry is still large and complex: a commercial guide to what is available and how to qualify runs to 685 packed pages. Bodies representing business, such as the Confederation of British Industry, believe that the effectiveness of the Government's industrial support is uneven, with a lot of the money failing to reach wealth-creating private-sector companies.

The seven cuts proposed by Mr Portillo in the DTI's huge programme of support for business would amount to perhaps £390 million, or 17 per cent of the planned targets for the coming year, and this will, naturally, be resisted by Mr Heseltine. After all, batting successfully for money for the department is seen as a measure of ministerial virility.

But what must irk the interventionists most of all is not the detail about which programmes could or should be cut, but the principle, for they thought that this argument had already been settled in their favour. Two months ago, with much public relations fanfare, the Prime Minister launched Mr Heseltine's grand strategy, his White Paper on competitiveness called *Helping Business to Win*. Though carefully crafted, and carefully avoiding any reference to discredited corporatist concepts such as "picking winners" or "industrial strategy", the White Paper was an interventionist's *cri de coeur*.

Crucially, the Treasury was supposed to have agreed to it, although only last week the CBI's director-general, Howard Davies (himself a former Treasury mandarin) repeated his warning that the first real test of the White Paper's effectiveness would be this year's spending round.

The content and tone of Mr Portillo's letter show that the real sceptics about industrial intervention in the Treasury and party are far from converted. Reining in public spending, particularly on industrial aid, remains their priority. Whether Portillo takes his zeal for cuts into a big spending culture will make that fight this year all the more gripping.

Robbery within the law



Some highly respected financial companies have been wilfully blind to the great insurance and pensions scams

Bernard Levin

It was some bloke like Vespasian, or possibly Suetonius, who said *Pecunia non olet*, which means in the vernacular "money has no smell". A sound doctrine, but it has been around for just about twenty centuries, and is now becoming rather smelly.

There are, and always were, those who live by removing (with no encouragement from the owner) the contents of pockets insufficiently buttoned down, or by chatting up obviously well-heeled gentlemen while brandishing clubs and knives (with whom it is probably best to come to an agreement based on the principles of *meum* and *tuum*): there are even plausible folk who live by selling Brooklyn Bridge for a modest sum, cash down, to any hayseed who can be persuaded that it is for sale.

That, as I say, has ever been the lot of the world; to the victor the spoils, and tough luck to the suckers. But as the world became more sophisticated, a new version of the theme could be heard. In this form, the sucker is separated from his dosh without any violence, and indeed without any breach of the law.

How, you will ask, can that be? Philanthropy can go far, but it cannot, surely, go *that* far. So you would think, but I assure you that no conjurer's passes are involved, nor has the Lord promised a rain of manna at the appropriate moment.

Would you believe that the solution to the mystery is to have a man in a pub deliberately knock over another man's beer, following this gesture not with an invitation to a fist-fight but with generous and humble apologies? No, I am not barmy, and it is nothing but the truth that I tell. Because the knocked-over pint had a purpose; the purpose was to engage the dampened man, with warm and sympathetic cluckings, so as to clinch a deal. Not, as you might think, a deal concerning dry-cleaners, but one that would give the man who did the pouring a substantial bonus. Because, you see, the pourer was a salesman of life assurance, and the beer trick was just one of the vast catalogue of tricks and corner-cuttings that such salesmen carry.

Here, I must make acknowledgment. I have been following the pensions and life-assurance scam (actually, scams — there are thousands of them) for a long time, and it was only indolence that stopped me from breaking out on this page on the subject. Happily, Mr Peter Marsh of the *FT* has done the leg-work, and a very merry time I have had following him into ever more breathtaking scoundrelism — scoundrelism, I repeat, that is undoubtedly within the law.

You might think that what I am discussing concerns only the sleazier end of the story, a few little grubby insurance companies with half a dozen shabby salesmen scraping a bonus here and there and keeping out of trouble as best they can. That, I confess, was what I thought at first, but I don't think that Cornhill, Legal and General, Scottish Widows, Colonial Mutual, Guardian Royal Exchange and Norwich Union (dammit, if *my* pension company is in the list I'll have their guts for garters) would like to be called a few little grubby insurance companies with half a dozen shabby salesmen scraping a bonus here and there and keeping out of trouble as best they can.

For those who have wisely decided to keep their money in a sack under the mattress, I should explain what the fuss is about — a fuss, you must understand, that has had a very long list of impeccably upright companies fined massive sums for breaking, not the law, but the rules.

The rules are complicated, but the principle is clear. The stately companies engaged a force of salesmen to sell life insurance and pensions, and send them out to sell; and sell they did. *How* they sold was their business, and from one end of the insurance market to the other, there was nothing but a huge, a vast, a colossal line of telescopes carefully clapped to blind eyes. Yes, I will say it in plain language and let the lawyers go pale: the companies, those mighty and marvellous organisations, the directors of which, if they saw so much as an unused penny stamp on the floor that didn't belong to them, would pick it up and hand it in at the Post Office, those bodies which in many cases go back not only years but centuries without blemish, those household names which are so rightly familiar to millions of households, that body of men (and women, presumably) for whom the words *sans peur et sans reproche* might have been coined — when those mighty in battle, clad in the armour of financial sanctity sent out their salesmen to sell, *they winked with the other eye.*

The spluttering can be heard a mile upwind. But if they can pause in their spluttering long enough to answer a question, let them answer this one. If they claim never to have done anything that they were ashamed of, why did Lautro (the regulating authority) whack them with mighty fines? And when you have answered that one, gentlemen, try this one: if your consciences are as clean as you say they are, why is the Securities and Investment Board about to publish a report which (according to the obviously well-informed Mr Marsh) "may require life companies and pension schemes to pay hundreds of millions of pounds to consumers found to have lost out because they were sold inappropriate products".

Yet listen to this for impudence: "Norwich Union, another household name, was recently forced to suspend its entire sales force of 800 so that they could be retrained to give proper financial advice." But, Norwich Union, you slimy mainchancers, you soiled crowd of eye-winkers, you unclean bunch of get-rich-quickers — *WHY WASN'T YOUR ENTIRE SALES FORCE OF 800 TRAINED TO GIVE PROPER FINANCIAL ADVICE IN THE FIRST PLACE?*

This is a horrible story. I repeat that the story is not one of criminal conduct; no law has been broken. But — oh! how many have been stretched! And before one of the culprits starts to spread the idea that I am writing like this to take revenge on a salesman who diddled *me*, take notice that my own pension fund was handled impeccably, and I have no personal cause for complaint.

Pecunia non olet, or: money does not smell. Once upon a time, I believed it, but after steeping myself in the life-insurance and pension business I have been driven to conclude that pecunia doesn't just olet, it *olets* and *olets* and *olets*, all summer long.

Oh, yes, there is a man who will say — does say — that it's all got up by the press. Not surprisingly, he is a director of an insurance company. A somewhat less *parti-pris* claim comes from Mr Jon Minchin, who is the head of a company called Pensionline. Pensionline's work is to give people seeking honest advice on pensions and such the advice they need. Hear him: "For the insurance industry, the rules haven't changed anything. The commission structure remains, so does the pressure to sell, and the abuses will continue."

We shall see; Lautro has done powerful work very thoroughly, but I have to say that the fines it imposes, swingeing as they must look to people like us, are nevertheless hardly a spit in the ocean for the money the companies can easily rustle up. The solution, of course, is to hit *the directors personally* with fines much greater than those imposed by Lautro and its successor, and I would like to see it happen. Perhaps, after all, there will have to be legislation.

Pecunia non olet. Perhaps we have been reading it wrongly. Perhaps it means that it stinks to high heaven, but that those who can brush aside the stink without retching will be the millionaires, while those who cannot stand the stench will have to make do with the scraps. But there may be a less unpleasant way to go about such things. Could we not have a kind of moral Lautro which would, just like Lautro, eschew the law, but nevertheless dole out "fines" in the form of public condemnation? And we could start with the life assurance and pensions industry, when we see the more odious ways of making money — making money, that is, at the expense of the poorer?

Ah well, we can dream. More to the point, we can wait and see whether the Securities and Investment Board report will smash the stinking system; not with laws but with something much closer to the stinking system's heart: money. Hundreds of millions, it is rumoured, will be the "fine". Oh, money then will smell like the most beautiful violets!

On the rocks

THE Accademia Italiana, set up six years ago to promote Italian art in Britain and one of the smartest party venues in London, is facing financial embarrassment. Only a week after Prince Charles threw a fundraising champagne reception at Highgrove, I can reveal that the institute is deep in debt and is to meet its creditors later this month.

Over the weekend the Accademia made seven of its 11 staff redundant. It is to leave its magnificent Rutland Gate HQ and be divided between a gallery in Covent Garden and the Italian Cultural Institute in Belgrave Square.

The Accademia, which boasts Sir Ronald Grierson, Rocco Forte and Lord Gowrie as trustees, owes 180 creditors about £500,000, including nearly £30,000 to Saatchi & Saatchi. Nevertheless, Maurice Dorrington, senior partner in Poppleton & Appleby, which is acting for the Accademia, is upbeat. "The watchword is recovery rather than wind-up. The directors are proposing a corporate voluntary arrangement which is a reorganisation of its affairs." Creditors, he says, will receive a little over 50 per cent of what they are owed.

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"I think it is somewhat embarrassing for the Accademia that this has occurred just now. But they failed to obtain significant sponsors for some of their earlier exhibitions. They weren't as well attended as they would have liked."

Red alert

THIS will not, after all, be as arid a literary year for the Queen as royal observers expected. While this year's Balmoral holiday will be unusually light on literary content, after her decision to abolish the annual Balmoral book box, the Queen is busy reading up on Russia before her first official visit in October.

The Rough Guide is not quite what the Queen has in mind, it seems. Palace aides, I understand, have already ordered Lawrence Kelly's guides to Moscow and St Petersburg and a selection of Kathleen Berton's books. Berton, now married to the minister councillor in Moscow, Geoffrey Murrell, says modestly: "I've no idea if she'll read them, but I would love it if she did."

Moscowphiles insist that while the Queen cannot avoid Berton's architectural history of Moscow, she would also enjoy the more gossipy volume *Moscow Revealed*, or her history of the British Embassy, which tells of the night of Churchill's dinner with Stalin, in October 1944, when the place was swarming with secret police. "After that," says Berton, "relations with Stalin were warmer."

Pride of Wales

MORE than a few pints of Buckley's best were downed in Brown's Hotel in Laugharne last night in memory of Caitlin Thomas, widow of the poet Dylan Thomas, who went gently into the good night yesterday. It was the Thomases' favourite hostelry, and for a couple not averse to the odd tipple that is praise indeed.

The landlord, Tom Watts, has lived in the Dyfed town all his life, and has suitably fond memories. He says: "Dylan based all the characters in *Under Milk Wood* on patrons of the bar. He was quiet, very reserved and kept to himself. I remember the landlady giving them credit and free food. We thought at that time they were struggling . . . although looking back that's a debatable point."

Striking shot

TO DATE there has been little to suggest that vanity might be a problem for Bob Horton, the uncompromising chairman of Railtrack. But it appears that when he was chairman of BP, the oil company was not beyond forking out a little cash to enhance his image.

Rather than an in-house photographer, BP chose Lord Lichfield to take pictures of Horton for corporate purposes. Yesterday, BP played down Horton's photographic brush with the Queen's cousin. "It did happen, but we don't want to comment."

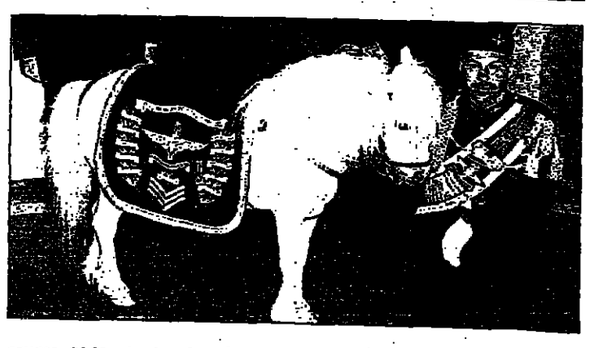
Lord Lichfield, too, was struggling to recall the precise circumstances in which he pressed the shutter: "Did I? I can't remember. I have taken two-and-a-half million photographs so I can't tell you."



Not so perky

REVELATIONS of the perks enjoyed by many of Britain's military top brass were the talking point yesterday in messes across the country. But few pricked up their ears to news that £50,000 has been lavished on kennels quite so eagerly as Malachy, the Irish wolfhound belonging to the Irish Guards. For Malachy, it seems, can only dream.

"He is fed on a diet of dog biscuits mixed with tripe, but like a good soldier, he is constantly on the scrounge," says one regimental source. "Many's the time he got into the officers' mess when he was with us in Fermanagh. He would wipe the butter dish clean and then gulp down the cheese before you even noticed."



Sergeant Pegasus (*above*) and his understudy, Private Falkland — the two Shetland ponies belonging to the Parachute Regiment — are more familiar with luxury, especially since the regiment took delivery of a top-of-the-range, full-size horsebox. Unlike poor Billy the Goat of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, whose idea of a good time is raw leeks on St David's Day. As for Tiddles, the Peruvian pink tarantula representing the RAF Survive to Operate Centre at St Athan, South Glamorgan, it is not clear whether he receives any emoluments at all.

● *A timing problem for Elf, following the spectacular fireball which engulfed Jos Verstappen's Benetton Ford at the German Grand Prix on Sunday. An advertisement for its fuels, featured in colour in yesterday's newspapers, boasted: "Those bright sparks who developed Elf Racing Fuels for the Benetton team have come up with Ultimate, a range of fuels for the road. So fill up at an Elf Service Station. It could be the fillip your car needs."*

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PORTILLO'S LETTER

The conflict at the heart of government is clear

It is one of the anomalies of British Cabinet government that the most junior member has one of the toughest jobs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury has to curb the ambitions of spending ministers, all more senior than he. They, in turn, see increasing their budget as a sign of virility guaranteed to impress both their own officials and the interest groups that lobby them. So when the whippersnapper from the Treasury is at their heels, it must be tempting to dispatch him with a sharp kick.

Michael Portillo, in a leaked letter to the President of the Board of Trade, Michael Heseltine, has shown that he is not prepared to put up with such treatment. We can only speculate on the circumstances that led to Mr Portillo's missive; but the tone is one of cool fury. "Nowhere in your department's report," he writes, "is it suggested that the best help we can give to business is to get taxes down or control public spending .... There is only one recommendation to withdraw from any activity — but that is one we have already suspended anyway."

Mr Portillo berates Mr Heseltine for the lack of radicalism evident in the review of spending at the Department of Trade and Industry and demands a rethink. To back up his case, he points out that, "as a Government we say again and again that the preconditions of competitiveness are stable inflation, low taxes, control of public spending and elimination of unnecessary regulatory activity by the State". The DTI spending review offered "a big chance to prove, where it really mattered, that those ideas guide our actions". That chance, he concluded, risked being wasted.

This is strong stuff. At the time of writing Mr Portillo was still in his first Cabinet job. Mr Heseltine has been in Government on and off for 24 years. Both, however, are possible contenders for the future leadership of the party. Moreover, while Mr Portillo's handicap — lack of experience — can be overcome, those of Mr Heseltine — age and poor health — can only grow. Thus Mr Portillo clearly felt emboldened to challenge a man who is on paper his superior.

Any Chief Secretary to the Treasury has another advantage that offsets his junior status: the backing of the Chancellor and the Prime Minister. The DTI is one of eight departments singled out by John Major last year for a long-term spending review. Instead of merely trying to trim overall costs, the idea was to look afresh at what each department did, questioning both the need for the service and the efficiency with which it was delivered. Such an approach has paid dividends in the defence costs study; it can and should be replicated across Whitehall.

The difficulty arises when two ministers differ starkly on the role of the State. Mr Heseltine has said that he plans to intervene before each meal of the day. Mr Portillo questions whether state intervention is even philosophically justifiable. In his letter he insists that "the reviews are an opportunity to get Government out of businesses and individuals' hair". Mr Heseltine's locks would quiver at such a suggestion.

Mr Portillo is politically on the winning side. All sections of the Conservative Party agree that taxes have to be cut this side of a general election. All but the foolhardy know that these must be paid for by cutting spending. In that climate, every department must reassess its spending priorities. Mr Portillo's move to another job will not ease the pressure. Jonathan Aitken, the new Chief Secretary, is no more likely than his predecessor to be intimidated into submission.

BACK TO HAITI

Any new US invasion of Haiti must do better than the last one

United Nations Security Council Resolution 940 clears the way for an American-led, UN-sanctioned invasion of Haiti. Where Washington would once, citing the Monroe Doctrine, have acted unilaterally in its "back yard", Bill Clinton has played strictly by the international rulebook. Before seeking a Security Council decision, the Americans secured — not without difficulty — an explicit request to the UN for "swift and decisive action" from Haiti's elected President-in-exile, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The US can thus fairly claim that its sole aim is to restore the exercise of sovereign power in Haiti "to those who rightfully possess it". The resolution precisely, if somewhat oddly, defines the purpose of military action: it is "to facilitate the departure from Haiti of the military leadership", restore the legitimate government and establish "a secure and stable environment". A United Nations mission is then supposed to take over.

For all the Clinton Administration's attachment to moral phrase-making, this meticulous attention to international law has been primarily dictated by its determination to map America's "exit strategy" from Haiti before sending in the Marines. That is understandable. Not only do the mid-term congressional elections loom, but no American President could fail to be mindful of history. The last American occupation of Haiti lasted from 1915 to 1934, without resolving the tensions between the mulatto élite and the black majority which have always bedevilled Haiti. Its main impact was on the roads — which it improved — and the police, which became lethally efficient.

But America may find it difficult to limit its role, in time or scope. Mindful of Somalia, Boutros Boutros Ghali has driven a hard bargain. The decision to go in is in America's hands, but the decision on the handover to the UN rests with the Security Council: the Secretary-General must first agree with the commander of the "multinational force" that a "secure and stable environment" has indeed been established.

The military part of the invasion could be over in days. The clique led by Lieutenant-General Raoul Cedras may flee rather than fight. Haiti's small, ill-armed and poorly trained army should be easily routed, though the self-styled Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti, violent gangster gangs with everything to lose, could be a tougher proposition. But, even under the most favourable scenario, what then?

President Aristide would be little more secure than he was before he was ousted in 1991. The first task will be to purge the police, right down to the ranks, and restore almost non-existent public services. The country was already ruined by years of dictatorship, and sanctions have accelerated Haiti's disintegration. Nine families out of ten subsist — mostly on food aid — outside the cash economy. They have felled all but 3 per cent of Haiti's trees for firewood, leading to catastrophic erosion. Even where land is still fertile, farmers cannot plant: they have eaten the seedcorn. Creating even the semblance of stability will be a lengthy job.

No wonder Mr Clinton still clings to the hope that the mere threat of military action will see off the Cedras clique and begin the end of their reign of terror. Yesterday's tough talk about forcing them out if they do not go "soon" was mixed with asides to the effect that Resolution 940 adds "just one more tool" to the Clinton decision kit, and that there is no decision, and no deadline. Tough words followed by successive retreats are precisely what have brought Mr Clinton to this pass. This is his last card in a game of bluff. Haiti's rulers may well decide to call it. Mr Clinton must not then pretend that the military option is cost-free or rapid. To set his sights publicly on the exit would be to guarantee a costly foreign policy failure.

TREASURED PRINCIPLE

Radical reform of student finance is required

Few doctrines of the modern welfare state have proved as resilient as the belief that the State should pay for higher education. Three decades after the Robbins report promised free college education for all, public policy has failed to keep pace with radical changes in the university system. The Government has encouraged a rise in undergraduate numbers; yet it has not acknowledged the radical changes in student finance which must accompany this expansion.

State funding of students has dwindled in recent years. The maximum annual grant outside London is now only £2,265 and will be cut by 10 per cent a year for the next three years. Undergraduates have already lost their entitlement to holiday benefits and must now compete for limited "access funds". Most know debt better than subsidy.

That the Government is now reviewing its student loans system is welcome, therefore. The scheme was a timid response to a fundamental problem, frustrated by the refusal of banks to collaborate and by fierce ideological criticism from the Left. The popularity of loans, which are already taken up by about half of all full-time students, and the decreasing proportion of graduates seeking deferral of repayment augurs well for the scheme. In its existing form, however, it is barely a halfway house.

One option under consideration is to sell the Student Loans Company to the private sector. Another is to "securitise" the company's debt, selling it off to financial institutions at favourable terms. Yet it is not clear that private investors would find such proposals more attractive now than when the scheme was set up. Worse, the current suggestions seem to have as their only aim the removal of loans from the Treasury's books. A far more courageous approach is needed to resolve the problems of student finance, concentrating on ends as much as means.

The Government should declare unambiguously its intention to shift liability for the funding of higher education to its beneficiaries. It should take as its model the Australian Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS), which has been highly successful and is much envied by vice-chancellors in this country. Under this system, students are able to borrow their tuition and maintenance costs and repay their debts through the tax system as quickly or as slowly as their income allows.

The scheme is not perfect: it generates so-called "tennis players", graduates who marry, never enter the labour market and thus escape repayment. Overall, however, HECS has been a conspicuous success, enabling Australian universities to expand by a quarter since 1989. A cynic would say this sort of scheme has not been seriously considered in this country because the Treasury opposes ring-fenced tax revenue. The Government now has a chance to prove such speculation ill-founded.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Controlling the waters for fishing

From Mr Austin Mitchell, MP for Great Grimsby (Labour)

Sir, Your editorial on fishing wars (July 27) accepts the effectiveness of national conservation but maunders off into wishful thinking about the common fisheries policy. The CFP is in fact the cause of both the problem and the wars.

Only the nation state has an interest in conserving its own fish stocks for future generations of its own fishermen. Ted Heath ignored this in 1972 and betrayed fishing in his desperation to get into the EEC. As a result we have been lumbered with a regime where we provide over 70 per cent of the fish but get less than half that in catches.

Our own fishermen are rigorously policed but everyone else cheats. Their shore authorities work in collusion with the fishermen and have no interest in protecting British stocks or enforcing quotas in British waters.

Not only can such a regime never work but in the ritual allocations of paper fish other governments fight harder for their industries. Ours is divided between England and Scotland. Government will not allocate aid or support to help its industry through. It never negotiates hard on fishing because it is always concentrating on other issues. It hopes that the industry will be quietly restructured by liquidation and lay up so the problem will go away.

Twenty years of folly have surely demonstrated that the only solution is to take back control of our own waters and build up our industry in the 200-mile limits we took in 1976.

Yours sincerely,
AUSTIN MITCHELL,
House of Commons.
July 27.

From the Acting High Commissioner for Canada

Sir, Your concern about overfishing worldwide is shared by Canada, which is taking a lead in seeking to protect fish stocks through sustainable management at the edge of and beyond the 200-mile economic zones, as well as within such waters.

At the UN conference on straddling and highly migratory fish stocks, which is due to meet on August 14, Canada will strive to achieve a binding international convention. If accepted, this would effectively plug a gap in the Law of the Sea which fails to regulate fishing on the high seas.

It is not sufficient to set quotas within 200 miles unless effective controls also exist beyond. We hope other countries interested in the conservation of an invaluable resource will share our concern and give support.

Yours faithfully,
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July 29.

Dirty beaches

From the Director General of the British Safety Council

Sir, Twenty-eight years ago, when we published Britain's first list of filthy and sewage-ridden beaches, we said that unless Britain's resorts cleaned themselves up they would inevitably lose business to overseas resorts.

In the intervening years the English Tourist Board, from whose report you quote (details, July 28) of the "shabby seaside resorts threatening the future of tourism and 'dragging down the reputation of the nation'", would seem to have done very little (if anything) to improve the situation.

The list of Britain's *still* filthy and sewage-ridden beaches was published only a few weeks ago (report, May 12), and surely it would be more appropriate for the English Tourist Board to persuade seaside resorts to clean themselves up than it would be for them to call for government funding to deal with the problem, which has been on their dirty doorstep for 28 years.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES TYE,
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Jackpot chances

From Professor Emeritus Peter G. Moore

Sir, Your report on the National Lottery (July 30) contrasts winning the jackpot of the lottery with odds of 14 million to one as against odds of 2.8 billion to one of winning the top Premium Bond prize.

Such a comparison is somewhat deceptive since the £1 lottery ticket going into the draw has one chance only of winning, whereas the Premium Bond goes into the draw every month until the bond is redeemed (and the £1 returned).

If the holder of a Premium Bond planned to keep it for, say, ten years the odds of winning the top Premium Bond prize are approximately 23 million to one against on the data quoted. This markedly changes the comparative wagers, particularly as the £1 Premium Bond would still be intact after the ten years.

Yours faithfully,
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Nuclear industry and state support

From Mr Fred Barker

Sir, It is not so much that the "market needs its elbow nudging" to invest in new nuclear plant ("Focus on nuclear industry", July 26) as that the Government needs its arm twisting to put in place a huge package of state support. Without that support, the answer to the question posed in your editorial, "Nuclear paradox", on the same day, is that privatisation would indeed kill off the nuclear industry.

To help secure private finance to build new plant, Nuclear Electric is asking the Government for financial support either in the form of security for lenders during construction, a capital grant or income subsidy. It also wants a guaranteed market for a new station's output, possibly through a new non-fossil fuel obligation, and it wants the Government to underwrite substantial construction and performance risks.

Government action is necessary to bridge a gap between the projected returns from investment and the minimum levels expected by the capital markets. A major problem for the Government is to assess just how big that gap is likely to be.

During the course of the nuclear review, the Consortium of Opposing Local Authorities (Cola) will present evidence to show that Nuclear Electric's calculations of projected returns entail a substantial amount of appraisal optimism, particularly with regard to assumptions of overnight capital cost and reactor performance.

In other words, the gap the Government is being asked to bridge is likely to be far larger than Nuclear Electric admits. The implications for the scale of state support are daunting. Given that the European Commission expects an existing state aid — in the form of the fossil fuel levy — to come to an end in 1998, what will it make of the nuclear industry's current attempts to twist the Government's arm?

Yours sincerely,
FRED BARKER
(Cola policy adviser),
37 Pexwood Road,
Todmorden, Lancashire.
July 26.

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace

Sir, Your leader says rightly that the crucial strategic issue facing the Government's nuclear review is not privatisation, but whether the UK should build more nuclear power stations.

The problems of global warming and acid rain can be tackled by many other cheaper and cleaner techniques. If the electricity market was enhanced to achieve environmental objectives, perhaps with pollution taxes, nuclear power would not compete with these alternatives. These non-nuclear responses to the problems of fossil fuels also offer better hopes for UK jobs and exports.

Despite the industry's heavily advertised claims, nuclear power is not green and cannot be squared with the Government's commitment to sustainable development. Environmental contamination from waste and discharges is virtually permanent and irreversible. Large stockpiles of plutonium will remain a source of geopolitical instability.

Nuclear power is vulnerable to economic failure, military conflict or terrorism, organised crime, corruption, or natural hazards such as earthquakes. Even a country like the UK cannot guarantee the political and economic stability required by nuclear power over the extraordinary timescales involved.

Yours sincerely,
PETER MELCHETT,
Executive Director,
Greenpeace,
Canonbury Villas, N1.
July 27.

From Mrs Ann Barrett

Sir, The nuclear industry is unique in that no other industry is capable of inflicting such widespread and persistent damage on the health of the general public, should there be an accident.

At the inquiry into the Sizewell B nuclear power station in 1986, Mr P. E. Watts, the then economic adviser to the CEGB, stated that the risk of an accident there would be only one in a million years. But why should we have to accept any risk at all to our lives from the nuclear industry — let alone the risk of an accident so terrible that it would bring to an end life in Britain as we now know it?

Moreover, who knows if that one-in-a-million-years accident might happen tomorrow or in a million years' time? Because of this risk, public permission must be sought before there is any further development of the industry. If ever there were a case for a national referendum, this is surely it.

Yours faithfully,
ANN BARRETT,
8 Hartington Grove,
Cambridge.
July 26.

Police complaints

From Mr Roland Moyle

Sir, The system of complaints against the police has an important flaw. It relies on police investigators to establish the facts of a complaint. In consequence many complainants, on the advice of their solicitors, are loath to make statements to the investigating officers in case such statements are later used against them.

The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 gives no statutory protection against such practices. Since its inception, therefore, the Police Complaints Authority has been seeking to use the doctrine of public interest immunity to fill the gap.

Unfortunately the decision of the House of Lords in the cases of *Regina v Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Ex parte Wiley* and *Regina v Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, Ex parte Sunderland* (Law Report, July 15) has laid down that there is "no general public interest immunity in respect of documents coming into existence during an investigation into a complaint against the police".

Admittedly their Lordships appeared to be primarily interested in preventing police forces denying access to their files to complainants who wished to bring civil proceedings against police forces. Unfortunately, the decision will also call into question whether or not a statement made by a complainant will end up in the hands of the CID or its legal department, to his detriment.

Their Lordships were careful to say that other cases might lead to different decisions. But the damage has been done. Surely, the time has come to protect complainants by an appropriate statutory amendment to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

Yours faithfully,
ROLAND MOYLE
(Deputy Chairman,
Police Complaints Authority, 1985-91).
19 Montpelier Row, Blackheath, SE3.
August 1.

Robespierre's fate

From Mr H. Weisl

Sir, I was interested that you commemorated the death of Robespierre in today's issue. His fate teaches economic/political lessons even now.

The cause of the French Revolution was a collapse of the royal French taxation system and economy; it resulted in the impoverishment of the lower income groups. The subsequent revolution did not relieve that poverty and famine. Inflation followed.

Robespierre and others tried to manage the French economy and failed. In 1793 laws fixing maximum prices were introduced, and in 1794 there were also laws fixing maximum wages; these measures were unpopular and unenforceable. Robespierre lost popular support and his opponents took advantage of this to oust him and have him executed.

Professor William Doyle's comments in his *History of the French Revolution* (Clarendon Press, 1989) are fascinating: a police report in 1794 noted "everything is selling in the market above the maximum ... people are saying that the law is unenforceable and that unlimited freedom of trade is the only remedy". Deputies of the Convention thought that price controls had worsened the very scarcity and hoarding they had been intending to curtail. Only a free market would restore abundance.

All this 200 years before Margaret Thatcher.

Yours faithfully,
H. WEISL,
10 Greenlawns, Penylan, Cardiff.
July 29.

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Genetic engineering

From Sir Julian Rose

Sir, The most disturbing aspect of biotechnology and genetic engineering ("Growing alarm at gene harvest", July 25) is that it is a technology out of control, seen by science and government as yet another irresistible technological fix which somehow transcends the need for stringent testing and controls.

Equally disturbing is the fact that there is no need for this genetic "speeding up" process in the first place; advanced animal breeding and crop modification has already exacerbated food surpluses throughout Europe and North America and contributed to unwanted food being dumped on Third World countries, undermining indigenous markets throughout the world.

Why should we now take on this hugely costly scientific manipulation when there has never been any hard evidence to show that we are not perfectly capable of feeding ourselves without further mutilation of the genetic pool?

Until this question is fully and satisfactorily answered, we should remain highly sceptical of all forms of genetic engineering, particularly since it carries with it profound implications for reshaping, at our will, almost any aspect of the gene pool from which life has evolved, including our own lives.

Public debate has never been allowed to catch up with or seriously question the wisdom of manipulating life this way, yet it remains the most crucial debate of the decade.

Yours sincerely,
JULIAN ROSE,
Hardwick House, Whitchurch,
Reading, Berkshire.
July 29.

Labour policies on education

From Mr Martin Rogers

Sir, Dogma, it seems, is a principled position with which one disagrees. Thus Labour's opposition to grant-maintained schools is "dogmatic" (leading article, "Half the class", July 27) whilst, presumably, support for them, and the implicit attack on local education authorities, is not.

The reality is that opting out has never been an issue in half the LEAs in the country. Over the course of the last year, it has ceased to be an issue almost anywhere else (just six secondary schools voted to opt out this term, whilst 20 voted not to). The policy has caused damaging rifts in many areas, both within and between schools.

The parental ballots which lead to opting out are almost invariably about one thing: extra money. The issue of independence rarely arises until considerably later, and I suspect that it is the prospect of losing the extra funds that really bothers GM schools — particularly since LEA schools enjoy comparable freedom under Local Management of Schools. LEA schools often have as many parent governors as GM schools, and are also often the focus of community loyalty.

If the Government had not offered a variety of financial and other inequitable incentives to encourage schools to opt out, very few would have done so. The prospect of the restoration of equity may alarm those who have gained, largely at the expense of others, but it will delight a great many more who are currently footing the bill, and who recognise that only an equitable education system can successfully meet the needs of the whole nation.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN ROGERS,
Local Schools Information,
1-5 Bath Street, EC1.
July 27.

From Mrs Margaret Tulloch

Sir, Labour's "white paper" on education, *Opening Doors to a Learning Society* (report, July 27), deserves a fair hearing from parents, teachers and governors. However, the proposals for home school "contracts" require more consultation. Parents and teachers must, and in many cases do, work constructively together, but contracts imply sanctions whereas "partnerships" are shared understandings.

Similarly the role of the suggested statutory home school association *vis à vis* the already statutory governing body is not clear and must be discussed more. What is meant by the "local democratic framework" to which opt-out schools will be returned?

Many parents, teachers and governors will be sad to see two promises noticeable only by their absence — a clear commitment to spend more on education (to repair and replace shoddy school buildings, for example) and, even more serious, a promise that a Labour government would abolish selection.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET TULLOCH
(Secretary),
Campaign for State Education,
158 Durham Road, SW20.
July 26.

From Mr Tom Hewitt

Sir, Let me straight away declare that my remarks are not entirely disinterested in that I have a son who will be attending an opted-out grammar school from this September. Anything less than an unequivocal commitment from Mr Tony Blair that such schools will not be returned to the hegemony of the "local democratic framework", as his party's education "white paper" calls it, means that, notwithstanding any of their other policies, I will not be voting Labour.

Yours faithfully,
TOM HEWITT,
26 Bradford Drive, Ewell, Surrey.
July 27.

O, really!

From Mr Ben Bass

Sir, Of course any of us interested in the identity of "Pauline Réage", author of the French erotic novel, *The Story of O* (report, July 25), would have known 11 years ago, from PHS's note on November 17, 1983, that

Last week "Pauline Réage" went on French television for the first time. Though she appeared heavily veiled, or seen from the back with a cat clawing her shoulder, people thought they recognized the cat. It is said to belong to Madame Dominique Aubry, distinguished literary critic and member of the Prix Fémina jury.

Yours etc,
BEN BASS,
Greyne House, Marshfield,
Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Even-handed

From Mr Ian Cargill

Sir, Valerie Grove's interview with Terry Major-Ball (July 29), the Prime Minister's older brother, was an interesting read. I am glad to hear that big brother insists John would be the last person to use his influence to get him a job. After all, why should he be treated any differently from the rest of us?

Yours faithfully,
IAN CARGILL,
59 Trossachs Drive, Belfast.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 1: The Prince Edward, Patron, Ocean Youth Club, this evening attended a Reception at the Sir Max Aitken Museum, Cowes, Isle of Wight.
August 1: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting on board *HMY BRITANNIA*, Cowes, Isle of Wight.
ST JAMES'S PALACE
August 1: The Prince of Wales this afternoon gave a Reception for the Arnhem Bells Appeal.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.C. Craddock and Miss E.K. Tibbles
The engagement is announced between Richard Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Craddock, of Heighington, Lincolnshire, and Emma Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Tibbles, of Lincoln.

Mr M.A. Gell and Miss C.J. Lightbody
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the late Lieutenant Colonel N.J. Gell, MC, and of Mrs Gell, of Bath, and Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Lightbody, of Strathaven, Lanarkshire.

Birthdays today

Mr Eddie Bell, executive chairman and publisher, HarperCollins-*Publishers*, UK, 45; Lord Benson, 85; Mr John Bowis, MP, check 49; Mr John Broome, founder, Alton Towers Theme Park, 51; the Earl of Denbigh, 51; Mr Derek Enright, MP, 59; Mr John Gale, theatre producer, 65; Sir John Hannam, MP, 65; Sir Christopher Hogg, non-executive chairman, Courtaulds, 58; Professor George Jenkins, haematologist, 67; Dr George Kimble, geographer, 86; Mr Sammy McIlroy, footballer, 40; Sir Reginald Murley, surgeon, 78; Lord Murray of Epping Forest, 72.

Lord Justice Neill, 71; Mr Peter O'Toole, actor, 62; Mr Richard Simmonds, former MEP, 50; Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, mathematician, 67; Mrs Rose Tremain, novelist and playwright, 51; Mr Alan Tuffin, trades unionist, 61; Lord Waddington, QC, 65; Mr Alan Whicker, broadcaster, 69; Lord Wigram, 79; Sir Brian Wolfson, chairman, Wembley, 59.

Garden Parties

High Sheriff of Essex
The High Sheriff of Essex, Mrs Eve Ward-Thomas, gave Garden Parties at Horham Hall for the County on July 29 and for the Essex Normandy Veterans on July 30.

Marriages

Mr S.R. Atkins and Miss K.L. Gaertner
The marriage between Stephen and Kim took place yesterday, August 1, 1994, at St Mary's, Weston Turville. The honeymoon will take place on a deserted island, prior to a new life in Dubai.

Mr M.H. Liddell-Grainger and Miss H.J. Bright
The marriage took place on Monday, August 1, 1994, at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Mr Malcolm Liddell-Grainger, son of Mr David Liddell-Grainger and of Mrs Anne Grainger, to Miss Helen Bright, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Bright. The Rev K.R. Joyce officiated, assisted by the bride's grandfather the Rev S.G. Seeram.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Selena Gibbs, Helena Bailey, Ruth Bright, Sophie and Peter Liddell-Grainger. Mr Edward Balfour was best man.

A reception was held at St James's Palace and the honeymoon is being spent in the Far East.

Mr P.A. Pratley and Miss S.J. Hall
A service of prayer and dedication and eucharist took place on Saturday, July 30, at St Andrew's, Ham, following the marriage between Mr Philip Andrew Pratley and Miss Stephanie Jean Hall. The celebrant was the Rev David Moore. The organist was Mr Matthew Morley and the choir was directed by Mr Paul Heggs.

A reception was held at The Orangery, Ham House.

Mr P.M. Storey and Miss A.R. Rea
The marriage took place at All Saints' Church, Hartest, on Saturday, July 30, 1994, between Mr Paul Storey, son of Mr and Mrs George Storey, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Miss Alexa Rea, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Rea, of The Old Rectory, Hartest, Suffolk. The Rev Adrian Mason officiated.

The reception was held at the home of the bride.

Appointment

Sir John Coles has succeeded Sir David Gillmore as Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joseph John Gurney, philanthropist and writer, Earlham Hall, Norfolk, 1788; Nicholas Wiseman, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1850-65, Seville, 1802; Henry Olcott, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, Orange, New Jersey, 1832; Francis Marion Crawford, novelist, Bagni di Lucca, Italy, 1854; Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick 1953-75, London, 1891.

DEATHS: William II (Rufus), reigned 1087-1100, New Forest, Hampshire, 1100; Thomas Gainsborough, painter, London, 1788; Jacques Montgolfier, pioneer of ballooning, Annonay, France, 1799; "Wild Bill" Hickok, US Marshal, murdered, Deadwood, Dakota, 1876; Marcus Clarke, writer, Melbourne, 1881; Enrico Caruso, tenor, Naples, 1921; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Beinn Bhreagh, Nova Scotia, 1922; Warren Harding, 29th American President 1921-23, San Francisco, 1923; Paul von Hindenburg, President of the Weimar Republic 1925-34, Neudich, 1934; Louis Blériot, first person to fly the channel (1909), Paris, 1936; Pietro Mascagni, composer, Rome, 1945; Wallace Stevens, poet, Hartford, Connecticut, 1955; Fritz Lang, film director, Los Angeles, 1976; Carlos Chavez, composer, Mexico, 1978.

Victory of the Duke of Marlborough at Blenheim, 1704.

Death duties were introduced into Britain, 1894.

Iraq invaded Kuwait, 1990.

The Theatre Royal, York, is 250 years old.



One of the scenes from the Scottish fairy-tale in which Noel Allan and her brother appeared in 1945

Fairy-tale ends with a £20,000 windfall

By John Shaw


Allan: amazed that the pictures survived

A BROTHER and sister are looking forward to a £20,000 windfall next month in a story that comes straight out of a fairy-tale.

David Fyfe and his sister Noel Allan were featured as characters in a children's story illustrated by Jessie Marion King, a celebrated Scottish artist.

But the book, *The Enchanted Capital of Scotland*, proved a disaster when published in 1945. The story was commissioned by their father and many of the 500 largely unsold copies were given away later as birthday presents to friends and Christmas gifts.

The drawings spent years packed in a suitcase in Mr Fyfe's garage. Some were then hung in Mrs Allan's home in Falkirk.

But the reputation of Jessie King grew. She has become recognised as one of the leading Glasgow Girls and now the collection of six water colours and 45 black and white illustrations are a highlight of a Sotheby's sale at Gleneagles Hotel on August 29-30.

Mrs Allan, depicted in the drawings as an eight-year-old blonde with curly hair, said yesterday: "The collection was in my father's office for years and could so easily have been thrown away when he died. They spent time in my brother's garage so it is remarkable they have survived."

Mrs Allan, Scottish area manager for Galt Toys, will be at the auction, but will still retain a keepsake — one of the last copies of the book which were signed by her father and which she intends to retain as the memory of a fairytale with a happy ending.

Leverhulme Trust awards

The trustees have approved the following awards to individuals under schemes administered by their research awards advisory committee:

Emeritus fellowships

J.B. Beer, S.T. Coleridge's intellectual development, 1798-1834; R.C. Bray, structures and actions of molybdenum enzymes; J.H. Callomon, biostratigraphy and taxonomy of Jurassic ammonites; D. Cameron Watt, the nature and development of international history; H.R. Cathcart, broadcasting in Northern Ireland in its political, social and cultural context; K.M. Clayton, digital map analysis of the landforms and geology of the British Isles; J.D. Cloud, criminal legislation in first century BC Rome; J.P. Crick, overcast-truth: a study of Christa Wolf.

C.H. Dodd, the Cyprus issue in Turkish politics since 1974; S.J. Eggleston, factors underlying decisions to continue education at minimum school-leaving age; D.J. Greenland, the sustainability of rice-based farming systems; R.I. Houston, conditions for success in continuing education; M.A. Jeeves, longitudinal studies of natural and surgical split brains.

A. Kelly, fibre packing in three dimensions; R. Killick-Kendrick, the diversity and taxonomy of phlebotomine sandflies; L.S. Lambourne, carnivals and the mask in Western art; M.F. Lappert, novel organic compounds of metals; C.N. Law, genetics of agriculturally important characters in wheat; J.V.P. Long, ionprobe SIMS: isotopes and trace elements; J.E.M. Maw, language and effect in modern Swahili poetry; F.G. Newcombe, wartime brain injury: neuropsychological sequelae; theoretical implications; Sir Peter Newsam, aspects of ILEA policy and decision making, 1977-82; I.H. Nish, Japanese foreign policy in the interwar period, 1919-43.

P.C. Parks, neural networks in adaptive control systems; J.S. Rowlinson, statistical mechanics of fluids and its history; S. Shuster, topics in experimental dermatology; Sir William Taylor, a sociocultural history of teacher education since 1944; P.K. Thomas, hereditary motor and sensory neuropathies; V.W. Treadwell, Government and politics of Ireland, 1558-1641; J.H. Warrack, a study of German opera; G. Wedell, the public interest in broadcasting; L Weiskrantz, neuropsychology of consciousness and implicit processing; F. White, biological monograph of African and Malagasy Ebenaceae.

Special research fellowships

F Banda, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Wolfson College, Oxford, Changing professional participation in divorce; M D Brownleader, School of Applied Science, South Bank University, Rapid cell wall defence response in plants; C D Carmichael, Department of History and Politics, Middlesex University, Early modern popular culture in the Karst; J Crosby, School of Chemistry, Bristol University, The enzymology of polyketide antibiotic biosynthesis; J C Howard, School of Art History, the University of St Andrews, The Scottish influence on Russian architecture (1780-1830).

H K Lomas, Department of Classics, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Urban society and Romanisation in Italy, 89BC-AD14; J London, Department of Hispanic Studies, University of Wales College of Swansea, Spanish theatre and public spectacle 1939-45; H J Maxwell-Stewart, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, School of History and Archaeology, Glasgow University, Health and nutritional status in nineteenth-century Scotland; D A McL Smith, Centre for Self-Organising Molecular Systems, Leeds University, Scanning near-field optical microscopy of biological membranes; S Thomas, School of Biological and Molecular Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, Optimisation of experiments in metabolic control analysis.

Study abroad studentships

P J Bannister, Organ improvisation in the twentieth century - France; S L Baurley, An exploration of Japanese textile technology - Japan; D M Beaumont, The Irish Protestant élite (c 1660-1750) - Ireland; J E Boygle, Towards a tephrochronology for Southern Sweden - Sweden; P D Clarke, Pope Boniface VIII as a legislator on ecclesiastical censure - Italy; L J Cole, Myth-making in the Habsburg Empire 1806-1914 - Austria; J M Derbyshire, The communication of idioms; presentation in Kant - France; C F J Dyer, Greek Early Iron Age coarse ware pottery - Greece; A J Forde Ilex, Forensic excavation and interpretation of murder sites - Ireland.

R H Gray, Russian painting in the late nineteenth century - Russia; A P Gregory, Anatolian villages in Hellenistic and Roman times - Turkey; A R Ingram, Ukraine's Donbas in Russia's near abroad - Ukraine and Russia; T F Lawrance, The life and works of Georg Stiernhielm - Sweden; L C Lees, Gentrification: reflecting and reproducing urban identities - Canada; S L Lewis, Canopy tree mortality in tropical forest fragments - Brazil; P G Lloyd-Sherlock, Ageing and economic survival in Campinas, Brazil - Brazil.

C Moss, Neural function and behaviour in marine larvae - Australia; W J Parks, Primary child care in the Solomon Islands - Australia; N K Pilgrim, Landslide analysis in earthquake-prone hilly regions - India; S E Richardson, Women-in-theatre: an international perspective - Australia; I R Sharp, Evolution of carbonate platform sequences during the Cenoanian-Turonian - France; M H Stidolph - The construction of the artist's persona - Canada; I B H Wilson, Role of protein-linked carbohydrate in allergy - Austria.

Details of Leverhulme Trust fellowships and grants appeared in *The Times* yesterday.

Institution of Civil Engineers

The following candidates have been admitted to Corporate Membership, Associate Membership and Technician Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers following the spring 1994 professional reviews. The award of the Renee Redfern Hunt Memorial Prize in indicated by (RRHMP) beside the candidates' names:

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Abdul-B O; Adam A S; Adams S P; Agar R I C; Ahmed M M; Aitchison S; Al-Khalid H; Al-Qarra H H M; Al-Shawaf S; Allison R J; Angus G; Arsene P; Arya C; Atkinson P A; Baber J; Balata B J; Baldwin C D; Beasley P; Bell S J; Bell M; Benton A D; Bill A K; Bleasdale I M; Bodle A J; Brady K C; Brenton D A; Briggs M C; Brimelow A J N; Brown G W; Buck R G; Bull J; Button P J; Caldwell P A; Callard J N R; Cameron D A; Caporilli M R; Cargill H M; Carrol K M; Celikag M; Charnley P K; Chapman L J; Cheng W M R; Choollun V K; Clarricoates M; Coalter J J; Connelly M J; Coyne S; Crewe A J; Crow M R; Cunningham M M; Darling B B; Davies A W; Davies M B; Day A E; Daykin A D; * De Waele J E; Demby M B; Desai J K; Dodwell J S; Downey P A; Dudeney D P; Dulake C R; Dunese P; Dunnett L J; Durie M J; Earlam S J; Echenique M A; Edwards M R; Elliott M S; Elson T M; * Engmann F O; Fairlamb M G; Fenn D B; Fletcher S; Fletcher N A; Foster N P; Frood T W G; Fuchs N A; Galbraith R; Gannon J A (RRHMP); Garnett N A; Garrod J E; Gerry C; Giblin D R; Gibson N D; Gibson A J; Giles D L; * Gillespie A J; Grandjean C J R; * Gray S E; Griffith R G; * Grimwood S E (RRHMP); Guild J M; Hall T-A; Hall S A M; Hames A D; Hamill K R; Hancock D R; Harris R; Hattan R J; Highfield J W; Hinchcliffe R M; Hindle C D; Holt A C; Hourston J; Howard P D; Hudson R M; Hughes R M; Huidobro F J; Humphreys L F C; Hunter P; * Hutchison R; Innes N W; Ishola T O; Jackson R W; Jackson A H; Jacobs M I; Jeffrey R B; Johns M D; Johnston M H; Joly M G; Jones J E T; Jones S N; Jones A W; Jones S P; Kalogeras A D; Keeley J D; * Kelly P J; Keusch J P R; Khan A M; Kingan D P; Knight P E; Ladd R D; Laine A G; Lake A C E; Lamb R A R; Lawton T P; Lees A P; Leggett M; Lester R G J; Lewis G D H; Liddell M C; Linton B; * Long I R; MacKenzie J S; Majiessi S; Marrs D L; Matterson I R; Matthews F; Maule S T; McCann A J; McCann D E; McCarthy R; McConnell M J; McDowell S A; * McInally G A; McKenzie F S; McNeill R J; McNicholas J; Merrett R J; Mitchell M F; Mole D S; Moncrieff I M; Montauban P H; Montgomery J J; Morrisroe J P; Muir L H; Muldoon P; Murphy P D; Mwitta N D; Needham B J; O'Brien M; Oliver A M; Osborne J S; Palmer H J; Palmer S; Park B G; Parry J D; Pegg D O; Pettitt J T; * Philipson A G; Plant J M; Pointon P; Pollock J; Powell W D; Pringle A P; Pritchard M; Prust R E; Razvi A S; Read V J; Reid D O; * Renwick S J; Rice C C; Ritchie A B; Robinson P D; Robinson A D; Rolfe S J; Ronan M D M; Roohnavaz C; Ruffles A P; Rushton D P; Sadigh-Mostowfi H; Scott C A; Shonibare O B; * Simo T A; Smethurst M S; Smith P A; Smith C W; Snowden H N; Soo K L; Squire A J; Stacey S E; Stevens N M; Sturgeon J M M; Summers T J; Sweetnam J C; Sze W K R; Tait N D; Tang W Y L; Tarling R; Taylor J W; Tomnay N A; Tong M A; Townend J E; Tuson J R; Vaziri M; Venus J R; Vollmer M E; Wadda M M; Walker A R; Wallbank D L; Waterworth M S; Watterson E P; Wayles P J; Webber P M; Welch A J; Wharmby N J; Wheatley R N; * White L S; Whitehead R S; Whitehouse S; Wicheland S P B; Wicks J M; Williams A J; Williams J O; Williams S J; Wilson I O; Wimalasena S N; Wooldridge A; Wright K G; Wright K M

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* denotes essay of outstanding merit

Argentine memorial meeting

The Chief Rabbi was represented by Rabbi Julian Jacobs, who was a speaker, yesterday at the Argentine Chancery, 53 Hans Place, London SW1, at a memorial meeting arranged by the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the International Council of Christians and Jews for the victims of the Buenos Aires bombing on July 18. Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman of the executive committee of the council, presided.

The other speakers were Señor Domingo Cullen, Argentine Chargé d'Affaires, Sheikh Dr Zaki Badawi, Principal of the Muslim College in London, the Rev Marcus Braybrooke, Father John Fordham, Chaplain to the Argentine Embassy; Rabbi Dr Abraham Levy, Rabbi Jacqueline Tabick and Mr Aubrey Rose, vice-president of the board. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, and the Argentine and Jewish communities were present.

Service dinner

The Buckinghamshire Cadet Battalion Royal Green Jackets
The Honorary Colonel, Colonel R.J. Thomas, SBStJ, and Mrs Thomas were the principal guests at a dinner held by the Officers of The Buckinghamshire Cadet Battalion Royal Green Jackets at Penhale Training Camp, Newquay, Cornwall on Saturday night. Lieutenant Colonel J.B. Howell-Pryce, TD, Commandant, received the guests. Major M.J. Robins presided.

University news

Manchester
Recent grants include:
Birth Defects Foundation: Identification of new genes in palate development, Dr M J Dixon and Professor M W J Ferguson, £52,427.
British Heart Foundation: The mechanisms by which high-density lipoprotein and its associated enzymes protect low-density lipoproteins against oxidative modification, Dr P N Durrington and Dr M I Mackness, £82,005.
Cancer Research Campaign: Improving the psychological care of cancer patients, Dr G P Maguire and Dr P Hopwood, £337,708; molecular and cell biological studies of cytotoxic agents, Professor J A Hickman, £122,881.
MRC: The role of the sodium-proton exchanger in the modulation of apoptotic cell death, Dr A J M Watson and Dr C Dive, £127,622.
Mental Health Foundation: A clinical, patient satisfaction, and financial evaluation of a new treatment for somatised forms of mental illness in general practice, Dr R K Morriss and Dr C M Ronalds, £65,555.
NERC: Arctic ecosystems and environmental change, Dr J H Tallis and Dr M C Press, £152,052; the adaptive role of arginine vasotocin (AVT) in euryhaline teleost osmoregulation, Dr R J Balment, £142,580; the interactions of humic substances with metal ions and the physical state of humic-ion complexes, Dr F Livens and Dr M N Jones, £99,156; interactions between organisms at community boundaries in the uplands, Dr T V Callaghan, £96,268.
NWRHA: Health services research training fellowship, Professor A Blinkhorn, Professor N H Wilson, and Professor J F McCord, £68,928.
SERC: Rolling grant: synthesis of novel polymeric materials, Professor P Hodge, £403,193; operation of MERLIN as a national facility at the Nuffield Radio-Astronomy Laboratories, Professor R D Davies, £69,071.
Wellcome Trust: Depression and anxiety in a population sample of British Afro-Caribbeans, Professor F Creed and Professor S Donnan, £105,581; the glyoxalase pathway and B-cell damage during hyperglycaemia, Dr L C Best, £90,443.

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The precepts of the Lord are right and give joy to the heart.
Psalm 19 : 8 (REB)

BIRTHS

AL SHAMLAN - Born 29th July at The Portland Hospital, a beautiful baby daughter, Mai, to Saad and Claire Al Shamlan.

ARKWRIGHT - On 29th July, to Anne-Louise and Charles, twin daughters, Harriet and Charlotte.

BREWSTER - On 27th July 1994 at Queen Charlotte's, to Amanda (née Vernon) and James, a daughter, Claudia Rose Helen.

BROWN - On 27th July 1994 at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Annabel (née Priest) and Nicholas, a son, Jack Anthony Roland.

CAPALDI - On 30th July 1994 at Sandpiper Inn, Barbados, to Karen (née O'Hara) and Wayne, a daughter, Olivia.

DEBINSKI - On 28th July 1994 at the Wellington Hospital, to Aviva (née Slonim) and Henry, a gorgeous daughter, Abbie Lee, a sister for Carly and Gabrielle.

DORRIEN-SMITH - On July 26th, to Lucy and Robert, a daughter, Marina Sophia.

EMBERSON - On July 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Katharine and Jamie, a wonderful healthy son, Oliver Garry.

ENGLISH - On 26th July in Muscat, to Frances (née Pyrah) and William, a daughter, Eleanor Frances Fife.

FEARY - On July 31st, to Susan and Simon, a daughter, Louisa Megan, a sister for Georgina.

GASCOIGNE - On 31st July 1994 at St Mary's, Paddington, to Jean and Craig, a daughter, Morgan Georgia Mathieson.

GRIFFIN - On 24th July 1994, to Chris and Emma (née Wigglesworth), a daughter, Evangeline (Evie) Olivia.

HOLLIS - On July 29th, to Sarah (née Wright) and Christopher, a son, Joseph Wilfred, a brother for Ruby.

JONES - On 28th July 1994, to Sally (née Mountford) and Christopher, a daughter, Sasha Elizabeth Thomas, a sister to Helena.

KARAMANI - On 31st July 1994, to Sofia (née Demetriou) and Dimitri, a wonderful son, Milton.

KYDONIEFS - On July 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Katerina (née Moustacas) and Nicholas, a son, Anthony Andreas, a brother for Sophie.

LUCAS - On 30th July 1994, to Melinda (née Down) and Mark, a daughter, Eleanor Grace.

McCARTHY - On Tuesday July 19th, to Joanna (née Olding) and Paul, a much loved son, Ben William.

NORRIS - On July 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Sarah and Paul, a handsome son, Robert Pardy and a brother for Joseph Henry.

PLATTS-MARTIN - On 29th July, to Nigel and Miranda, a son, Edward.

SCHMIDT - On July 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Jeanette Ronquillo and Michael Schmidt, a beautiful daughter, Savannah Ronquillo Schmidt.

TAYLOR - On July 1st 1994, to Maggie (née Kisch) and Lee, a son, Henry Thomas, a brother for Chloë.

WARBURTON - On July 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Yorke) and Richard, a son (Edward Guy), a brother for Harry.

WILSON - On July 28th at the Wellington Hospital, to Rachel and Bill, a beautiful daughter, Candice, a sister for Alison.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

GRANT:BESKOW - On August 2nd 1944, at Istanbul, Turkey, Michael to Rut Anne-Sophie.

DEATHS

ARBUTHNOT - John Christopher Wastel, on 29th July 1994, much loved husband to Ann and father to Sarah. Funeral Service on Wednesday August 3rd, 2pm St Cuthberts, Holcombe, Somerset. No flowers please but donations may be made to Stanley Wills Ward, Royal United Hospital, Bath.

ASHTOWN - On 31st July, peacefully in her sleep at the Bon Secours Nursing Home, Marcelle Catherine (née Clotterbooke Patyn), Lady Ashtown, wife of Nigel, mother of Roderick and grandmother of Timothy and Victoria. Private funeral: family only. No letters please.

BARTON - On 27th July suddenly at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, Charles Leonard Barton. He will be greatly missed by his family and the Lansdowne family, also by his friends. Funeral Service on Thursday 4th August at 3.15pm at West Herts Crematorium, Garston. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation, c/o George Blow & Sons Ltd, Funeral Directors, Church Street, Welwyn, Herts.

BITTLESTONE - On July 28th 1994, peacefully at his home after a long illness, Robert Bittlestone, aged 83 years. Dearest husband of June and loving father of Jill, Caroline and Robert and grandfather of Alison, Louise, Simon, Nicola, Matthew and Mark. Funeral Service, Thursday 4th August 3 pm at Guildford Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations may be sent for Millbridge Ward, Royal Surrey County Hospital c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 26 South Road, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67333.

BROWN - Suddenly on Sunday 31st July 1994, Kathleen of Willingham and Richmond. Beloved wife of Arthur, dear mother of Martin and Veronica. Funeral Service at St Mary and All Saints Church, Willingham, on Wednesday 10th August at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request.

BURRAGE - On July 29th, suddenly at home, Jennifer Anne (née Vickers). Beloved wife of Simon Burrage and mother of Susannah and Robert. Funeral Service at St Nicholas, Chislehurst, Kent, at 11.30 am on Monday 8th August. Flowers may be sent to the church shortly before hand.

CLARIDGE - On 28th July 1994, peacefully after an illness borne with great courage, Frederick David (Fred), aged 61 years. Beloved husband of Jill, father of Timothy, grandfather of Adam. Funeral Service will take place at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston, on Thursday 4th August at 1.45 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations, if desired, for Dr. David Cunningham's Research Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital c/o Seaford & Newhaven Funeral Service, 22 Sutton Road, Seaford, East Sussex.

COOLING - On 25th July, Phyllis, peacefully at Ewhurst, aged 90. Funeral at Ewhurst Parish Church, 2.30 pm Tuesday 2nd August. Flowers or if preferred donations to St John Opthalmic Hospital c/o Messrs Aylings, 27 South Road, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67333.

CORRIN - On Sunday July 31st, suddenly at home in Northampton, John Bowes (Jack) Corrin FCA OBE, aged 71. Much loved husband of José and father of Peter and Alex, dearly loved grandfather of Marcus. Funeral Service at 11 am on Tuesday August 9th and memorial service at 12 noon on Friday September 30th, both at All Saints' Church, Northampton. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Historic Churches Trust c/o Grant Thornton, Billing Road, Northampton.

de VERE-PACKFORD - On July 29th 1994 after much suffering bravely borne, Rosalie, wife of the late Bertie. Much loved mother of Margaret and Tim, mother-in-law of Liz and devoted Gan-Gan of Martin. Funeral Service at West Suffolk Crematorium on Friday 5th August at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf to L. Fulcher Funeral Directors, 58 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1AD.

EASTES - On July 28th 1994, in Worthing Hospital, Marjorie Mabel, aged 78 years. Much loved wife of Claude, mother of Judy and Peter and grandmother of Katie. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Sullington, on Friday August 5th 1994 at 11.30 am followed by private committal at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street, Storrington RH20 4DZ, tel: (0903) 742586.

FRANKLIN - Maisie, Widow of Gerald, mother of Pamela and Hugh, on Saturday 30th July peacefully at home, Guatemala City.

GODFREY - On July 31st 1994, peacefully after a long illness, Margaret Duff (Peggy) aged 92 years, of Houghton and Wyton, Cambs. Widow of Jack, dearly loved mother of Bill and Tim and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Houghton Parish Church on Friday August 5th 2.30 pm. No mourning at her request.

HODGKIN - On July 29th, Dorothy Mary Crowfoot OM FRS, aged 84, peacefully at her home. Funeral St Mary the Virgin, Ilmington, at 3.50pm Friday 5th August. Memorial Service at a date to be announced later. Donations may be sent to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

LEACH - On 1st August, peacefully at home, Richard Alexander, beloved husband of Muriel, very loving father of Celia and Hilary and devoted grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's, Nether Wallop, at 2.50 pm on Saturday 13th August. No flowers, donations if desired to chosen charities c/o Richard T. Adlem, Handley, Salisbury, Wilts.

LEHMANN - On 27th July 1994, Dr. Fritz Michael, aged 96 years. An independent medical philosopher and a dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Friday 5th August at Randalls Crematorium, Leatherhead at 4.30 pm. Enquiries to G. Boutell and Son, tel: (0932) 346037.

LONGSTAFF - On July 18th at San Vecente, del Raspeig, Spain, Barrow, formerly of Standlake, Oxon. Widow of Arthur and much loved mother of Patrick and sister of Roberta (Bobbie).

MARKS - On Saturday July 30th, peacefully, at home, Lilian Mary May (Micky), widow of Paul Marks, formerly of "Greenways", Cookham Dean, Berks. Funeral at St James', Spanish Place, George Street, London W1, on Thursday August 4th at 10 am.

MAY - Ursula Evelyn, wife of Charles and beloved mother of George and Fergus. Tragically on Thursday 28th July. Private funeral. Family flowers only. Thanksgiving Service will be announced later.

MEDLICOTT - On July 29th, Edward Samuel Duc, peacefully in hospital. He will be greatly missed by Nancy, Hamon, Clare, Oriana, Virginia and Derek. The funeral will be held at Wentnor, Shropshire, on Saturday 6th August.

MILLICAN - On 25th July, Keith, dear brother of Patricia. Funeral Reading Crematorium 3 pm Friday August 5th. No flowers but enquiries (0734) 874473.

MURPHY - On July 28th 1994, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Beatrice, beloved widow of Daniel, much loved mother of Kay and Patricia and dearly loved grandmother of Robin, Colin and Nicholas. Private family funeral and family flowers only please.

NICHOLSON - On July 31st, Alan Gifford aged 72, of Kingswood, Surrey. Beloved husband of Mary and greatly loved father of Christopher and grandchildren Kate, Hugh and Helen. Funeral, Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Friday 5th August, 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Surrey KT10 8NA.

PARBURY - Suddenly on 28th July at Amesbury Abbey, Frances, widow of Charles and much loved sister-in-law and aunt. Private funeral at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday 10th August at 2.20 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Injured Jockeys Fund c/o Gerald W. Burden Funeral Directors, Phoenix, Church Street, Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7EY.

PATTERSON - James B. Eric (Pat) on 30th July in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, aged 90 years. Much loved father and grandfather, and husband of the late Elizabeth. Cremation private. Memorial Service will be held at St Vigor's Church, Fulbourn at a date to be arranged.

PETHERBRIDGE - Peacefully on 29th July, Myola Ann (Mootie), widow of her beloved John and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation will take place at Putney Vale Crematorium, for time and date telephone J.H. Kenyon Ltd., (071) 937-0757. No flowers, but donations if desired to The Officers Association, 48 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5JY.

POPPLE - On July 28th, peacefully at home at Wigginton, Anthony. Beloved husband of Greta, dear father of Karen and Julian and a loving grandad. Funeral Service on Friday August 5th at Wigginton Church at 2 pm. Flowers to his home or if desired donations for Iain Rennie Hospice at Home or Tring Patients Medical Fund c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 1AH, tel: (0442) 864848.

PORTER - On 31st July, peacefully in St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Lindsay (née Molesworth), utterly adored wife of Nevill for 53 happy years, mother of Valerie and Jeremy. Funeral for family only. Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday 31st August 3pm, St Lawrence Church, Chobham, all welcome - Lindsay loved flowers.

SAUNDERS - On July 30th at Lancaster Lodge Nursing Home, after a long illness bravely borne, Jeannette Laurian, aged 58. Loved and greatly missed by her father and her many friends. Service to be held at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday August 5th at 3.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham.

SHIERS - On July 31st at home in Broadstairs after a long and courageous fight against cancer, Elizabeth Ann (née Mathews), beloved wife of Leslie (Bob), darling mother of Sarah, Kate and Harry, loving sister of John. Flowers to and details from Gore Brothers Ltd., tel: (0843) 223534.

SOWTON - Dr. George Edgar, Consultant Cardiologist, on 30th July at The Royal Marsden Hospital. Dearly loved husband of Pat, and adored father of Elizabeth, Christopher, Jonathon and Margareta. He was a much loved father-in-law to Robert, Mary and David and very special Grampy to Katy, Jonathon, Thomas, Charlotte, Melissa and 'Bump'. Loving son of May and brother to John, Edgar was a wonderful friend and colleague to very many people and he will be missed terribly by his friends around the world. Funeral to be held at 11.30 am at Croydon Crematorium on Friday 5th August. Family flowers only, but donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital or The British Heart Foundation if desired.

STEWART - On July 31st, peacefully, at home, Major Sir Hugh, C.G. Stewart, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Badgeworth, on Friday August 5th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the R.U.C. Benevolent Fund, Garnerville Road, Belfast. All enquiries to Selim Smith (0242) 826363.

STRIBLING - On July 31st at Budleigh Salterton, aged 87, Mollie Christina, widow of H.J. Stribling FRIBA, much loved sister of Ena, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at Exeter Crematorium on Thursday August 4th at 3.15 pm. No flowers at her request.

THOMAS FAZIO - On July 31st 1994 in Catania, Sicily, Caitlin, dearly loved partner of Giuseppe and widow of Dylan and dearly loved mother of Llewelyn, Aeron, Colm and Francesco. Funeral at Laugharne, to be arranged.

TRENCH - See Ashtown.

TUFTON - On Wednesday July 27th 1994, The Reverend Canon Colin C.G. Tufton, aged 70. Dearly loved brother of Barbara. Funeral Service will take place on Monday 8th August 1.45 pm at St Leonard's Parish Church, Seaford, followed by cremation in Eastbourne. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St Leonard's Parish Church. Donations and enquiries c/o Seaford Funeral Service, tel: (0323) 893889.

TUSA - On July 30th 1994 peacefully at Poole Hospital after a short illness, John Tusa O.B.E., aged 88, beloved husband of Lydia, much loved father of George, Johnny and Vicky, devoted grandfather of Sash, Helen, Francis, Andrew, David, Piers and Claudia and great-grandfather of Felix, Rebecca and Alice. Funeral Service Friday 5th August 12.30 pm at All Saints' Church, Branksome Park, Dorset, cremation following. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the League of Friends, Poole Hospital may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth BH7 6AN. (0202-309609)

OBITUARIES

CAITLIN THOMAS

Caitlin Thomas, widow of Dylan Thomas, died on July 31 in Catania, Sicily, aged 80. She was born in Hammersmith, London, on December 8, 1913.

BY THE time Dylan Thomas finally collapsed while sitting in his favoured seat at the White Horse Inn, Hudson Street, New York, in 1953 at the age of 39, the embers of his marriage to Caitlin Thomas had little life remaining in them. The handsome girl who graces Augustus John's portrait, done before her marriage, had been reduced by drinking (in which activity she was certainly her husband's peer), his infidelities (to which she often retaliated in kind), and by the cares of bringing up three children, to a shell of her former self.

Her books chronicle the unhappy saga of their union in terms, not unnaturally, highly favourable to her. But the sad and simple fact is that, like many women drawn to marry men of genius, imagining that they might have some decisive role to play, she had simply found the price too high.

She had none of the robustness of a Nora Joyce (nor had her husband the inner steel and profound understanding of life that enabled Joyce not only to create the masterpieces he did, but, at the same time, deeply to admire his wife). After Dylan Thomas's death Caitlin went into a disastrous downward spiral. She drank, brawled and took men to bed indiscriminately as a means of escaping from the sheer pain of wasted years.

Yet salvation was at hand from an unlikely quarter. Fleeing to Italy, she met a Sicilian, Giuseppe Fazio, who became her lifelong — and selfless — companion. He weaned her from drink, they had a child between them and the remainder of her life was spent in at least some outward tranquillity.

Caitlin Macnamara was the third child of Irish parents. Her father hailed from Co Clare in the Irish West. Inheriting what was left of the family estates after Irish independence, he came to London. Francis Macnamara was something of a charmer and had pretensions as a poet. Augustus John was a family friend, and had both painted and seduced Caitlin by the time she was 17.

Francis Macnamara had by this time left his wife, though he hung around his family in London for some years afterwards. Thus abandoned, she developed a lesbian relationship with a a woman with whom the family sometimes stayed.

As a young woman Caitlin went back to Co Clare for a period and, while dabbling in writing poetry, drank in the adulation of those with whom she came in contact. At the time she met Dylan, on one of his trips to London, Caitlin had ideas of being a dancer in the Isadora Duncan mould. An evening in a pub with the new wonderboy poet from Wales was forever to divest her of such a notion and of whatever impetus to self-determination she had ever possessed. Augustus John had already mentioned Wales's "bright young spark". By the time they met at the Wheatsheaf in what was then London's Fitzrovia, on a spring evening in 1936, Caitlin was already curious.



Dylan and Caitlin Thomas enjoying a drink in the poet's creative home, Laugharne

She was subsequently to say she did not find him immediately attractive. But his Welsh charm soon broke its way through whatever reservations she might have had on that score. They were married in Penzance, Cornwall, in July 1937.

The romantic aura which surrounded this union did not last long. Dylan Thomas suspected his wife of infidelities almost from the start, and wrote several poems chronicling his suspicions, notably "Into her lying down head". She did not have his unrealistic notions of what might be achieved in such a union and settled down to providing him with a background out of which he could write. She also bore him three children: a boy Llewelyn, a girl Aeronwy, and another son Colm.

Their lives were lived between the Laugharne boathouse in West Wales, where much of his best work was created, and Soho, where all pretence of work was jettisoned in their furious assaults on the area's pubs. Sometimes they were moderately prosperous; particularly during and immediately after the Second World War when money was coming in from his film scripts. His American reading tours were also quite lucrative. But they also were great opportunities for him to be prolifically unfaithful, and it was what Caitlin regarded as these more serious infractions of domestic harmony to which she took the greatest exception.

She had not long for resentment. Increasingly submerged under drink, Dylan succumbed to a massive haemorrhage while sitting in a south Manhattan bar. Her reaction was not to mourn, but to scandalise the inhabitants of prim Laugharne by immersing herself in bouts of drinking and promiscuous sex.

Her flight to Italy was her salvation. Going first to Elba she moved to Rome where she met Giuseppe Fazio, who kept himself — and her — going through occasional work in the film industry. They settled in Catania and at the age of 49 she had a fourth child, a son, Francesco.

In the meantime Dylan Thomas's literary estate (a trust was set up soon after his funeral) had begun to generate a considerable income. From this, as it mounted, she was subsequently to feel she was never adequately recompensed. When quarrelling with the trust in the courts, which she frequently did, she always claimed (probably with some justice) that she had been too drunk at the time to know what she was signing away.

She took to authorship herself to supplement her income. *Leftover Life to Kill* (1957) chronicles with some perception, a good deal of anger and more than a fair share of sheer egocentricity her life with Dylan Thomas. Nearly thirty years later she was to amplify this with *Life with Dylan Thomas* (1986), written in conjunction with George Tremlett. In between these, *Not Quite Posthumous Letters to My Daughter* (1963) seemed to suggest that there lingered in her attitude to Dylan Thomas an unappeasable bitterness that time would never assuage.

She is survived by the three children of her marriage to Thomas and her son by Giuseppe Fazio.

RICHARD HEDGES

Richard Hedges, barrister and a wartime liaison officer to the Free French and Polish forces, died on July 17 aged 75. He was born in Tunbridge Wells on March 11, 1919.



AN UNSUNG, unpaid, yet devoted supporter of his local community and county's affairs, Richard Hedges dedicated 30 years of his life to serving Wiltshire and his own village of Charlton after a wartime career in North Africa and Italy. Such loyalty was perhaps typical of the generation to which he belonged — most of whom, as young men, had seen active service in the Second World War.

Richard Hedges was just 20 when he joined the 11th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps, now part of the Green Jackets. He fought in the Battle of Alamein in 1942 and the following year became a senior liaison officer to the 1st Free French Division serving in North Africa, Italy and France. Fellow liaison officers included Christopher Soames and Ronald Barton, the owner of Château Léoville-Barton in Bordeaux, who became a lifelong family friend and nurtured Hedges's love of France. He ended the war as a Polish liaison officer in Italy in 1945.

Richard Killingworth Hedges was the only child of a prominent, elderly Victorian civil and electrical engineer and inventor, Killingworth Hedges (known as Kil), who supervised electric lighting for Liverpool docks and did the same for the cities of Calcutta and Bombay, besides designing the first lightning conductors for St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

Hedges enjoyed the companionship of school life and had what is conventionally known as a good education. Yet, despite an expensive prep school (where he distinguished himself as the hind legs of a pantomime donkey with Peter Ustinov as the fore legs), followed by Eton, where he was a good linguist, then a war-divided two-year degree in Modern History at Trinity College, Cambridge, he did not find it easy to settle down after the war.

Following his father's example, he chose not to enter the once family-owned wine business of Hedges & Butler. Instead he opted for the law but it was not until 1956, when he was already 37, that he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple. Contemporaries remember his sense of humour and fun, but he had a sharp tongue for anyone he felt was wasting his time. He enjoyed practising on the Western Circuit and this led naturally to a 17-year stint as a local JP, including five years as chairman of the Tisbury Bench.

Other voluntary Wiltshire public duties included 11 years on Wiltshire County Council, 1962-73, and seven years representing Wiltshire on the Association of County Councils. As vice-chairman of Wiltshire's education committee, Hedges had the unpopular job of closing down the county's untenable small village schools, a difficult task which he performed with diplomacy, determination and kindness. He was chairman of the Board of Visitors of Guy's Marsh Borstal and governor of a number of schools, including Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury.

A keen countryman and farmer, a committed Christian, fond of fishing and devoted to his family and the pretty south Wiltshire villages of Charlton and the Donheads, where he lived for 35 years and was churchwarden for 25 of them, Richard Hedges endured a long and debilitating illness with characteristic courage.

In 1952 he married Fiona Greig who died of cancer in 1968. He is survived by his second wife Sonia Wakelin, whom he married in 1972, and by four children from his first marriage.

FREDERIC MORROW

Frederic Morrow, the first black man to occupy a senior position in the White House, died in New York on July 19 aged 85. He was born in Hackensack, New Jersey, on April 20, 1909.

LIFE in the White House during the Eisenhower era was not easy for Frederic Morrow. Although formally ranked as an administrative assistant to the President, he was usually mistaken for a servant at official functions and was largely excluded from the decision-making process. Regarded by fellow blacks as an "Uncle Tom" — and coldly snubbed by his white colleagues (in social terms Washington was then very much a Southern city) — Morrow endured five years of frustration before being freed from his ordeal by John F. Kennedy's victory in the 1960 presidential election.

Morrow had entered politics as a consultant to Eisenhower's 1952 campaign, for which he took leave of absence from his job as a writer for CBS News. He so impressed Sherman Adams, Eisenhower's chief of staff, that Adams promised him a job on the White House staff and urged him to resign from CBS while awaiting appointment.

It was to be the first of many broken promises. Morrow found himself living on his savings while he waited for a call from the White House that did not come until July 1955. Even then it was to be another three years before he was formally sworn in and Eisenhower, who usually attended such ceremonies, ostentatiously stayed away.

In September 1958 Morrow was named as administrative officer for special projects, dealing almost exclusively with civil rights. It was a position he had hoped to avoid because, as he wrote in his journal, the White House was handling civil rights "like a bad dream", refusing to take action on the racial violence which was exploding across the South. Morrow later turned his journal into a book, *Black Man in the White House*, published in 1963. This, with its account of the colour prejudice in the Eisenhower Administration, did not endear him to the Republican leadership



The son of a Methodist minister, Everett Frederic Morrow studied at Bowdoin College in the late 1920s but failed to get a degree, and was a field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People before joining the US Army Field Artillery in 1942. Enlisting as a private, he left as a major in 1946 and went to work for CBS, studying in his spare time at Rutgers University, where he eventually took a doctorate in law.

On leaving the White House, unlike most white men in a similar position, he found it impossible to get an executive post in private industry. "It still shocks many captains of industry," he said at the time, "when a Negro seeks a job on the executive level, even though he dealt with them directly as part of his official White House assignment."

Eventually, though, he did succeed in breaking through the racial barrier. In 1964 the Bank of America, then the largest privately-owned bank in the world, made Morrow an assistant vice-president at its international subsidiary on Wall Street. He retired as senior vice-president in 1975 after writing a second book, *Way Down South Up North*, then went to work for the Educational Testing Service which sets examinations for most of America's schoolchildren.

Frederic Morrow is survived by his wife Catherine.

PROFESSOR P. M. H. RACK

P. M. H. Rack, Professor of Experimental Neurology, Birmingham University, 1983-92, was killed in a climbing accident in the Lake District on July 18 aged 65. He was born on October 27, 1928.

IT IS not often that life throws up individuals of outstanding ability in more than one field of endeavour. Peter Rack, though, was just such a person. A neurosurgeon, an eminent scientist, a mountaineer of distinction, a maker of fine furniture and clavichords, a keen amateur musician — he was all of these things.

Peter Michael Horsman Rack came of Quaker stock and was educated at Bootham School, York. From there he went up to Clare College, Cambridge, to read medicine, taking his BA in 1949. He went on to graduate in medicine in 1952. After a period as house physician at the London Hospital he spent two years doing his National Service with the Royal Army Medical Corps, 1954-56.

During that time he decided that surgery was where his future lay and from 1956 he set about learning the necessary skills in periods at various hospitals, gaining his FRCS (England) in 1959. It was then that an interest in neuroscience began to emerge and he started to practise as a neurosurgeon first as a registrar in Cardiff then as senior registrar in Birmingham.

It was this last appointment at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital that most influenced the direction of his career. The group in Birmingham under the direction of Professor Brodie Hughes was pioneering the use of surgical techniques to alleviate the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Rack was struck by the lack of physiological knowledge regarding the way the brain controlled muscles and movements.

He spent six months in Oslo with Professor Jan Jansen conducting physiological experiments, showing for the first time by using precisely quantified and applied movements how the control of muscles was modified by the brain. It was at the age of 37, on the threshold of a highly promising career as a consultant neurosurgeon, that he took a major step which was highly unusual, becoming a lecturer in 1965 in the Department of Physiology in the Medical School in Birmingham which was just having new life breathed into it by the recently appointed Professor Sidney Hilton. In 1975 he was made Reader in Experimental Neurology and in 1983 his distinction in research and teaching led to the award of a Personal Chair. He retired in 1992.

In 1972 he was awarded a Royal Society Travel Fellowship enabling him to take a sabbatical year of study in Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. Here he worked with Professor Robert Porter providing novel insight into the way the higher centres of the brain responded to unexpected movements. He had an exceptional understanding of mechanics and this was put to good use in his measurements of stiffness, stretchability and elasticity of muscles and tendons. Such studies, together with others on the nervous control of muscles, provided a key insight into the origin of tremor in both the normal and in Parkinson's disease patients.

The precise measurements and quantification which were hallmarks of his experiments required instruments and machinery of a precision that was largely unavailable at the time, so he made these himself. He was an excellent craftsman, being skilled in the use of workshop tools and lathes. His manual dexterity was put to further good use in one of his hobbies, which was making beautiful furniture and clavichords.

Another great love was mountaineering. He had climbed extensively in the British Isles and in the Alps up to the highest standard of the time. He was a member of the Climbers Club. During the 1950s he was one of the new breed of British alpinists who began to attempt and to conquer the harder alpine routes. Modesty always prevented his saying much about these youthful achievements. It is a sad irony that a mountaineering accident should have killed him.

Peter Rack is survived by his wife Brenda, who shared his interest in music, walking and gardening, and by their four daughters.

PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS

WETHERED – On Friday 29th July 1994, peacefully at Marlowe, her home for 56 years, Betty (née Baldwin), b. 1899; loving wife of the late Commander Owen Wethered RN, and much loved mother of Anthony, Julian and Caroline. Sadly missed by her whole family which includes 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service at All Saints' Church, Marlow, at 3 pm on Friday 5th August. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to King George's Fund for Sailors, Hatherley Street, London SW1.

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This grand ceremony, the preparations for which have occupied so much attention in the metropolis for some time past, took place yesterday, and presented the most splendid spectacle. The grand attraction of this scene was, of course, the presence of their Majesties, who graciously condescended to take that opportunity of honouring their most dutiful and loyal subjects, the citizens of London, with a visit.

Such was the eagerness of the owners of barges and pleasure-boats of every description to testify their respect to their Majesties, that so far from booms being necessary from boat to boat to keep up the lines, there were boats enough to keep up both lines in unbroken succession (and in some cases two or three deep) the whole way. Many of these, particularly those opposite Somerset-house, were decorated with all the national flags of Europe, presenting in this as well as in the gay attire of the respectable parties of ladies and gentlemen seated on platforms on their decks, one of the most brilliant and imposing spectacles that ever rested on the bosom of old Father Thames.

Many persons took up their stations between five and six o'clock in the morning, and showed that if the weather permitted they were determined to make a day of it, for they brought with them not only prog* for breakfast, lunch and dinner, but also materials for their evening repast . . . So thickly crowded were the vessels, that scarcely a timber of them was visible. Men, women and children were seen hanging in dense clusters on every side. The houses, wharfs and warehouses which abutted upon the water were filled also in every part with spectators. The neighbouring houses, and churches too, were crowded in every part to which it was possible for a man to crawl. Shortly after 4 o'clock loud and general cheering from the river gave a signal of their Majesties' approach. The shouts from the people increased, the bells of the churches struck up a merry peal, and in a few minutes the Royal barges were discovered making their way through the central arch of the Southwark-bridge. His Majesty's progress from one end of the bridge to the other was, we suppose, considered as the opening of the bridge.

* prog: 1655, origin doubtful: food, provender, victuals; esp. *colloq.* provisions for a journey or excursion - *Shorter Oxford Dictionary.*

ON THIS DAY
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Whatever the politicians may have felt about King William IV, he had through his earlier years in the Navy become remarkably popular with the public. The only discordant note of the day was when the crowd booed Sir Robert Peel following in the procession.

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Portillo defends call for cuts

■ Michael Portillo yesterday stoked a simmering dispute between Cabinet ministers over the Government's plans to cut taxes and public spending as he defended his attack on Michael Heseltine's interventionist policies.

The new Employment Secretary virtually confirmed leaks that only a fortnight ago, as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, he had embarked on an effort to dismantle Mr Heseltine's £400 million network of support for British industry .....Page 1

Fire sweeps through Norwich Library

■ More than 100,000 books were destroyed yesterday when flames swept through Norwich Central Library. Some of the two million items in store were drenched in the rescue and the fate of 250,000 volumes in the library's tower, which could not be reached after the blaze, is unknown .....Page 1

Haiti invasion

President Menem of Argentina announced that he is to send troops to join a planned American-led invasion of Haiti, the first leader to offer to participate in the invasion .....Pages 1, 14

Railtrack offer

Railtrack is increasing its pay and productivity offer to signal workers in the hope of bringing to an end the series of strikes that are set to disrupt train services again tomorrow .....Page 1

Offensive delayed

Tony Blair has declined the opportunity to address the TUC conference and will delay the launch of his autumn offensive against the Government until the Labour Party conference .....Page 2

Silcott payment

Winston Silcott has given his parents part of a £10,000 initial compensation payment for wrongful conviction for murdering PC Keith Blakelock .....Page 3

Killer dies of Aids

Brian Wallen, 31, the Trinidadian murderer who was granted a stay of execution by three British law lords, has died of Aids four days after the ruling .....Page 4

Revenge warning

Loyalist paramilitaries promised to retaliate for the IRA murder of two suspected leading members of the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters .....Page 5

Cutting back

Families on social security can avoid cutting back on essentials only by putting off paying bills until pursued through the courts, new research shows .....Page 6

Stop brass

Curbs in the privileged life enjoyed by Britain's top military brass are expected after the disclosure that it costs £10 million to maintain the country's 77 official armed service residences .Page 7

Date with destiny

1066 is the most famous date in English history and marks the last occasion when a foreign army won on British soil, a result that determined a nation's destiny .....Page 8

Peace referendum

King Husain is to call a referendum in Jordan on the draft peace treaty with Israel. He said the agreement had been supported overwhelmingly but admitted there was opposition .....Page 12

Victims remembered

President Walesa joined hundreds of veterans of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising to honour 200,000 victims of the rebellion against Nazi occupation .....Page 13

Serbs want to talk

As snipers' attacks continued in Sarajevo, the Bosnian Serbs said they want to restart negotiations on the peace plan they rejected last week .....Page 15

Dylan Thomas's widow dies

■ Caitlin Thomas, widow of Dylan Thomas, has died in Italy aged 81. Her dying wish was to be buried next to the Welsh poet. She asked for her body be returned to Wales rather than her home in Sicily. She found happiness after the poet's death with a Sicilian who persuaded her to stop drinking and with whom she had a son at the age of 49 ..... Pages 1, 21



SIMON WALKER

Members of the advance party for the British relief effort to Rwanda prepare to board Hercules aircraft at RAF Lyneham. Report, Page 1

Interest rates: The Bank of England gave a boost to the stock market when it signalled no upward change in interest rates after speculation fuelled fears of higher mortgage rates .....Page 23

Abbey National: Lower bad debt provisions helped Abbey National to accompany a 41 per cent jump in first-half profits with news of a joint venture with Commercial Union to sell general household insurance policies. Page 23, Tempus Page 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index of leading shares finished near its best levels, closing up 14.8 at 3,097.4. .....Page 26

Golf: Janice Moodie's final-round victory sealed a 9-9 draw with the US enabling Britain, as holders, to retain the Curtis Cup .....Page 42

Weightlifting: A Briton dropped from the 1992 Olympic team accused of drug abuse will return to international competition in the Commonwealth Games, representing Australia. Andrew Saxton was exonerated by an inquiry. Page 44

Cricket: The fight for the right to televise England's matches at home and abroad gets under way today with the asking price for a three-year contract said to be in the region of £40 million ..... Page 44

Life on the G & Ts: There are a lot more important things about Cowes Week than the sea and sailing, Rachel Kelly discovers Page 16

On the spot: The Government intends to immunise seven million schoolchildren in November to avert an epidemic of measles .....Page 17

Legal advice: "I am not an out-and-out radical. I do want to see improvements in legal services but that is best achieved from within," Charles Elly, the new president of the Law Society, says .....Page 37

Picasso's women: The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is drawing its biggest crowds for 16 years with a show demonstrating how Picasso's complicated love-life affected his art .....Page 31

Wreck salvaged: Dame Ethel Smyth's 1906 opera *The Wreckers* has been revived in concert at the Proms. "A producer with a gift for bold naturalism could bring it to life on stage," Richard Morrison writes .....Page 31

Cambridge Folk: Joan Baez revisits some of the protest songs of her youth as she headlined the Cambridge Folk Festival .....Page 33



Sir Paul Condon is seeking action to stifle the supply of weapons and impose heavier jail sentences for criminals found with guns
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Susan Guest, who was badly burnt after pouring fuel on a barbecue when seven months pregnant, gave birth to a baby boy yesterday
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Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was impressively modest on the subject of her own looks, a recently rediscovered piece of writing shows
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Stemming the tide

■ The controllers of BBC1 and Radio 4 claim to have stemmed the decline in their audiences. Alexandra Frean talks to Alan Yentob and Michael Green

What the director ordered

■ If you want to become the managing director's secretary what special qualities do you need and how do you go about it?

Stones rolling again

■ The oldest rockers in the business hit the road once more: Paul Sexton reports on the start of the Rolling Stones' latest tour, in Washington DC

The Cuban passion for baseball and its role in helping poor people to forget their everyday troubles is explored in *A Whole Different Ball Game* (BBC2, 7:40pm) .....Page 43

Portillo's letter

The whippersnapper from the Treasury has sought to curb the ambitions of spending ministers .....Page 19

Back to Haiti

Security Council Resolution 940 clears the way for an American-led, UN-sanctioned invasion of Haiti .....Page 19

Treasured principle

Few doctrines of the modern Welfare State have proved as resilient as the belief that the State should pay for higher education .... Page 19

BERNARD LEVIN

To the victor the spoils, and tough luck to the suckers. That has ever been the lot of the world. But as the world became more sophisticated, a new version of the theme could be heard .....Page 18

PHILIP BASSETT

Should the Government help British business, and through that the country's economic performance, by giving specific assistance to industry, as other competitor countries do, or should the market be left alone to foster success without expensive interference? ..... Page 18

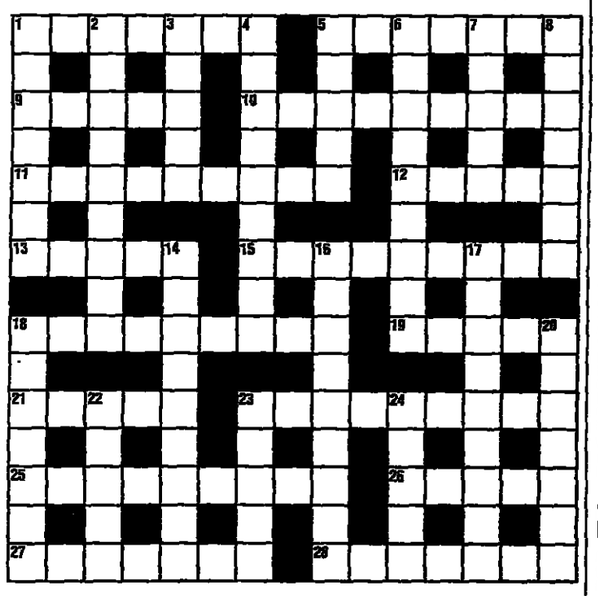
Caitlin Thomas, widow of Dylan Thomas; **Richard Hedges**, barrister and liaison officer to Free French and Polish forces; **P. M. H. Rack**, neurosurgeon ..... Page 21

Cause and solution for the fishing wars .....Page 19

How many more abortion doctors have to die in the USA before militant radicals in the anti-abortion movement get treated like the terrorists they are?
— USA Today

The US and Britain are refusing to acknowledge Saddam Hussein's compliance with the UN's stated terms for lifting sanctions. They are changing the rules
— The New York Times

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ACROSS

1 Pound — a poet many angry people rejected at first (7).
5 Touching salesman used to get a response (7).
9 University that previously carried little weight (5).
10 Dodge many a function's meaningless talk (9).
11 A topless sunbather's rash? (3-6).
12 Taken aback by a swindle. I yearn to resign (5).
13 Nuts for the birds (5).
15 Dither about sick leave (9).
18 Book reader, a fast one, has limited time (9).
19 The organisation of a group in revolt (3-2).
21 Criticise former Russian leader about taking nothing in (5).
23 Drug making camels collapse in Egyptian capital! (9).
25 Saucy Frenchman sent back deodorant (9).
26 Pledge to protect upper-class judge (5).
27 Once with full figure (7).
28 High on horseback, falls off (7).

DOWN

1 The stews for which stock's extremely essential (7).
2 "Scene of Battle" tours turned out to be horrifying (9).
3 A tree that's popular but not fashionable (5).
4 Being adventurous, read novel by Dickens (9).
5 Uncompromising soldier involved in purge (5).
6 It's pointless to force a climbing plant (9).
7 Call up woman, the first one to accept agreement (5).
8 Pedal altered after crash (7).
14 Here's heartless taskmaster, perhaps, whose past is dubious (9).
16 Extractor required for port propeller (9).
17 A characteristic put down (9).
18 I run in error from wild animal (7).
20 Writer and fictional heroine she celebrates in verse (7).
22 Bowl and field (5).
23 Survive after getting rid of a disease (5).
24 Expressing horror, stops at nothing (5).

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THE WEATHER

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start mostly dry and bright but outbreaks of rain in the South West will spread to some other western and central parts during the day.

Scotland will have rather cloudy skies with scattered showers, but also some sunshine. Northern Ireland will have a bright start but showers will develop during the day.

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☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N:** bright at first, clouds increasing. Wind south light or moderate. Max 21C (70F).

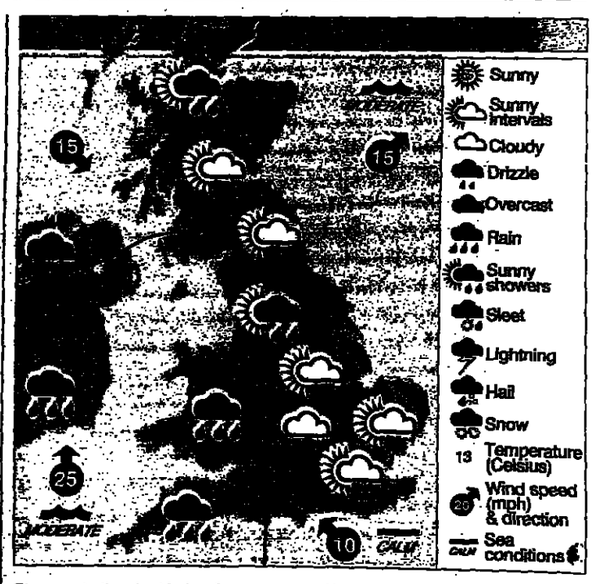
☐ **S W England:** outbreaks of rain, some bright intervals. Wind south moderate or fresh. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloud increasing, showers breaking out. Wind southwest becoming south-east moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland:** bright or sunny intervals, showers. Wind variable or southwest light or moderate. Max 18C to 20C (64F-68F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** mist and drizzle clearing, some bright intervals. Wind southwest light or moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Outlook:** sunny intervals and thundery showers. Very warm in eastern areas.



Changes to the chart below from noon: low X will move slowly northeast and fill; low Y will gradually fill as it drifts east; high F will move northeast and build



24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dust; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.1	-	22	72	lg	Liverpool	2.0	0.66	23	73	r
Anglesey	3.5	0.09	21	70	r	London	4.9	-	25	77	c
Aspatria	5.0	0.06	24	75	r	Lowestoft	X				
Aviemore	8.4	-	28	79	b	Manchester	2.2	0.47	25	77	r
Belfast	2.0		22	72	b	Margate	6.5	0.21	24	75	r
Birmingham	2.5	0.13	26	79	sh	Minehead	3.8	0.15	23	73	r
Bognor R	6.2	0.44	21	70	r	Morecambe	X				
Bournem'th	8.2	0.48	21	70	r	Newcastle	0.9	0.07	22	72	lg
Bristol	2.4	0.39	22	72	r	Newquay	3.8	0.09	20	68	r
Buxton	0.3	0.57	22	72	r	Norwich	4.3	0.44	23	73	r
Cardiff	4.2	0.23	20	68	sh	Nottingham	2.3	0.39	26	79	r
Clacton	6.3	1.23	24	75	s	Oxford	3.9	-	24	75	r
Cleethorpes	2.4	0.09	23	73	sh	Penzance	5.3	0.26	21	70	r
Colwyn Bay	6.1	0.01	23	73	r	Plymouth	2.4	0.02	22	72	r
Cromer	5.0	0.44	23	73	c	Poole	5.9	0.07	23	73	r
Doncaster	0.5	0.04	23	73	c	Prestatyn	X	0.02	23	73	r
Dunbar	5.9	0.15	22	72	b	Ross-o-wye	3.5	0.09	21	70	r
Eastbourne	7.7	0.28	23	73	b	Ryde	5.1	0.07	23	73	r
Edinburgh	2.8	-	21	70	c	Salcombe	4.4	0.03	21	70	r
Eskdalemuir	2.8	0.50	24	75	r	Sandown	4.3	0.07	22	72	r
Exmouth	2.0	0.09	19	66	r	Saunton Snd	3.6	0.08	23	73	r
Falmouth	X	0.17	20	68	sh	Scarboro'	1.5	1.08	21	70	r
Fishguard	5.1	0.02	21	70	sh	Scilly Isles	5.7	0.09	20	68	r
Folkestone	7.3	0.07	24	75	b	Shanklin	6.4	0.08	22	72	r
Glasgow	3.2	-	25	77	c	Shrewsbury	4.4	0.08	24	75	r
Guernsey	4.9	0.28	21	70	s	Skegness	X				
Hastings	5.5	0.02	23	73	b	Southport	2.6	0.86	19	66	r
Hayling I.	6.0	0.09	21	70	r	Southsea	X				
Herne Bay	7.2	0.06	28	79	b	Stornoway	7.6	0.01	19	66	s
Hove	7.9	0.07	24	75	b	Swanage	6.4	0.69	21	70	r
Humberston	X	0.17	25	77	r	Teignmouth	2.8	0.02	22	72	sh
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	2.5	0.01	19	66	c
Isle of Man	2.9	-	21	70	c	Tiree	1.2	0.06	21	70	c
Jersey	8.1	0.34	24	75	sh	Torquay	3.6	0.01	21	70	b
Leeds	0.5	0.07	25	77	c	Tynemouth	2.5	0.40	18	64	c
Lerwick	0.9	0.01	17	63	lg	Ventnor	6.6	0.06	20	68	r
Lisahasa	-	0.01	17	63	lg	Weymouth	2.7	0.25	20	68	r
Littlehmptn	8.4	0.25	23	73	r	These are Sunday's figures					

Ajaccio	28	84	f	C'phagn	29	84	s	Madrid	27	81	s	Rome	30	86	s
Alicante	28	82	f	Corfu	30	86	s	Majorca	30	86	c	Salzburg	32	90	s
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Dublin	17	63	c	Malaga	32	90	s	S Frisco	17	63	f
Algiers	31	88	s	Dubrovnik	33	91	s	Malta	29	84	s	Sandiego	13	55	s
Amst'dm	19	66	r	Faro	23	73	s	Melb'rne	-	--		S-Pauld-	25	77	s
Athens	31	88	f	Florence	33	91	s	Madeo C	23	73	s	Seoul	25	77	r
Bahrain	38	100	s	Frankfort	26	82	t	Miami	32	90	c	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bangkok	28	82	f	Funchal	23	73	c	Milan	28	82	f	St'kholm	23	82	f
Barbados	31	88	f	Geneva	22	72	s	Montreal	28	79	s	Strasb'rg	23	72	t
Barcelona	27	81	s	Gibraltar	28	82	s	Moscow	25	77	f	Sydney	-	--	
Beirut	36	82	f	Helsinki	25	77	f	Munich	27	81	s	Tangier	25	77	f
Belgrade	32	90	s	Hong K	31	88	f	Naples	31	88	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Berlin	30	97	s	Innsbruck	30	86	s	N Delhi	33	91	f	Tenerife	26	79	s
Bermuda	-	--		Istanbul	27	81	f	N York	29	84	c	Tokyo	34	93	f
Biarritz	23	73	c	Jeddah	35	95	s	Nice	28	83	f	Toronto	27	81	s
Biarritz	23	73	c	Jo'burg	13	55	s	Oslo	28	82	s	Tunis	34	93	s
Brussels	22	72	f	Karachi	-	--		Paris	23	73	f	Valencia	30	86	s
Budapest	35	95	s	L Palmas	25	77	s	Peking	33	91	f	Vanc'ver	21	70	f
B Aires	17	63	r	Le Touqt	20	68	f	Perth	-	--		Venice	30	86	s
Cairo	32	90	f	Lisbon	26	77	s	Prague	34	93	s	Vienna	34	93	s
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Locarno	25	77	f	Reykjavik	11	52	c	Warsaw	36	97	s
Chicago	29	84	f	L Angels	23	73	s	Rhodes	28	82	s	Wash'ton	29	84	f
Ch'church	-	--		Luxembg	19	66	r	Rio de J	24	75	f	Wel'ngton	-	--	
Cologne	22	72	s	Luxor	39	102	s	Riyadh	39	102	s	Zürich	24	75	f

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.54	5.7	9.30	5.6	Liverpool	6.42	7.2	7.24	7.5
Aberdeen	9.26	3.4	10.01	3.5	Lowestoft	5.20	2.2	5.38	2.1
Avonmouth	2.10	9.6	2.49	9.8	Margate	7.29	3.9	7.54	3.9
Belfast	6.44	2.9	7.16	3.0	Milford Haven	1.22	5.0	2.01	5.01
Cardiff	1.46	8.83	2.26	9.03	Newquay	12.26	5.1	1.09	5.2
Devonport	12.16	4.1	1.23	4.3	Oban	1.38	2.9	2.09	2.9
Dover	6.48	5.2	7.27	5.5	Penzance	-	-	12.52	4.1
Falmouth	-	-	12.52	4.1	Portland	12.31	1.3	1.41	1.4
Glasgow	7.59	3.9	8.29	4.1	Portsmouth	6.45	3.7	7.14	3.8
Hamilton	7.00	3.3	7.35	3.2	Holyhead	6.08	4.3	6.55	4.4
Holyhead	6.08	4.3	6.55	4.4	Shoreham	6.48	4.8	7.12	4.8
Hull	1.36	5.86	2.14	5.85	Southampton	6.26	3.7	7.00	3.8
Ilfracombe	1.14	6.69	1.52	6.78	Swansea	1.34	7.0	2.11	7.2
King's Lynn	1.49	4.8	2.22	4.7	Tees	11.42	4.2	-	-
Leith	10.38	4.3	11.11	4.4	Wilton-on-Noe	6.58	3.4	7.35	3.3

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Sharing an umbrella: Peter Birch, left, Abbey's chief executive, John Carter, the chief executive of Commercial Union, and Lord Tugendhat

Abbey yields to temptation of Commercial Union

By Robert Miller

ABBEY National yesterday announced a new joint venture with Commercial Union to sell general household insurance policies from July 1 next year in a deal that is expected to produce profits of more than £100 million in the first five years.

In the first year of operation alone Abbey, which held talks with at least six major insurers before signing the CU deal, said the joint venture could generate gross premiums of £250 million. Abbey will put up £25 million of the £75 million capital needed to get the deal off the ground with CU providing the remainder.

Abbey, which yesterday announced a 41 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £423 million (£301 million) in the six months to June 30, said that existing arrangements with its panel of insurers which includes CU, Royal Insurance and Legal & General will continue for the present.

Royal has been invited to participate in a programme for the main reinsurance business. The future of L&G's business with Abbey is under discussion. Last year, L&G's insurance deal with Abbey was estimated to be worth £80 million in premiums.

Lord Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National, said of the proposed link: "This will allow the company to strengthen its competitive position by being more responsive to customer needs in a rapidly changing market environment."

Charles Landa, insurance analyst at SGST, the broker, said the Abbey deal with CU could lead to lower premiums for household insurance policies as Abbey passes on the savings to consumers and fends off the competitive threat from direct insurers such as Direct Line. He added: "This deal develops Abbey as an all-round bancassurer." Abbey currently has a 7 per cent share of the household buildings insurance market and 2 per cent of the contents business.

Abbey National attracted £1.4 billion of retail savings in the first six months of the year giving it an estimated 14 per cent market share. However, the former building society's share of the mortgage lending market fell from last year's exceptionally high point of 18.5 per cent to 9.8 per cent. Bad debt provisions for Abbey National's retail banking operations declined sharply from £78 million to £26 million reflecting further reductions in mortgage arrears and repossessions.

Arrears now represent 1.53 per cent of all accounts compared with the Council of Mortgage Lenders' average of 2.85 per cent, said Lord Tugendhat said. In February, Abbey acquired the UK residential mortgage operation of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

On the life assurance side pre-tax profits were up 18 per cent to £47 million with Scottish Mutual contributing £23 million to the total.

Losses from Abbey's business in continental Europe and offshore fell from £86 million in the first half of 1993 to £17 million. The main improvement was in France where pre-tax losses were reduced to £12 million from £82 million.

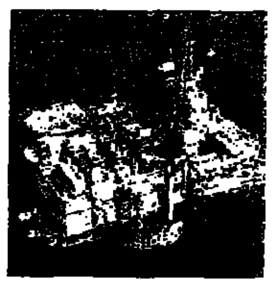
Abbey, which has total assets of £88.8 billion, increased its interim dividend to 5.7p per share (4.15p) but the shares closed 12p down at 385p.

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Trade talks breakdown hits dollar

By Our World Trade Correspondent

THE breakdown in talks aimed at ending the protracted trade dispute between America and Japan delivered an already weak dollar another blow and contributed to a rise in long-term US interest rates.

A full-blown trade war would pose a big threat to world trade and poison the atmosphere in which America, and other countries, are seeking ratification of the Uruguay round agreement on liberalised world trade.

Washington, which claims Japan's practices discriminate against imports, has launched proceedings under US law that give Tokyo 60 days to meet American demands, or face trade sanctions.

In New York, the dollar shed another yen against Friday's close to stand at 98.95 around midday. Against the mark, it eased to $1.560, down 1.75 pfennigs from Friday.

Mounting fears of a trade war combined with the latest US purchasing managers' index — which showed a rise to 57.8 per cent in July from 57.5 per cent in June — to push interest rates on 30-year US bonds to 7.42 per cent from 7.39 per cent on Friday.

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Bank settles nerves over interest rates

■ The money market still expects a base rate rise of about half a percentage point, but not for a month. The pound lost ground to the mark but gained against the dollar

By Colin Narbrough

THE spectre of an imminent rise in the base rate, which drove the City into confusion on Friday, evaporated almost entirely yesterday, only lingering on in a corner of the options market.

This time the Bank of England left no doubt, adopting a wholly neutral stance in its dealing with the money markets, indicating base rate would be held steady. The resulting change of mind over interest rate prospects triggered a sharp fall in the pound, reversing the surge the currency had experienced at the end of last week amid expectations of early monetary tightening.

Speculation that the Bank had been about to raise interest rates by at least half a point, possibly as early as yesterday, were fired on Friday by its handling of the weekly Treasury bill tender. The markets read the episode as the authorities' acceptance of a rise in interest rates of half a point.

The Bank's confusing signals on Friday were variously described in the City as a deliberate testing of sentiment, or a total misjudgment.

Bank officials spent the weekend successfully rubbishing the rate increase scenario and, barring accidents, it is now widely perceived as capable of holding the base rate steady until the fourth quarter.

However, the Bank failed yesterday to end nervousness in the short sterling options pit of the London derivatives market. Its volatility index rose to 23 per cent from 21.25 per cent on Friday, indicating a very wary market.



George: signals misread

Stronger than expected figures for M0, the targeted narrow money supply measure, did nothing to upset the general ease about interest rates. M0 slowed to an annual rate of 6.5 per cent last month, from 6.8 per cent in June, but that was still higher than expected; the measure remains above its monitoring range.

Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, said the July figures contained a sizeable jump in banks' operational deposits. Excluding this volatile component for both months, the annual growth rate slowed to 6.5 per cent from 6.7 per cent in June.

Although suggesting inflation to feed through in six months or more, the money data are widely considered insufficient to justify early base rate increases. The money market still expects a rise of about half a point in base rates from the current 5.25 per cent, but not for a month at least.

The pound shed almost all its gains against the mark, closing at DM2.4219, more than 2 pfennigs down from Friday. Against the weaker dollar, it gained 17 basis points to $1.5885. The FT-SE 100 closed 14.8 higher at 3,097.4 reflecting returning calm.

The Confederation of British Industry set market nerves jangling last week with its quarterly survey, which showed rising price expectations. Rising oil prices, with September Brent reaching $19.22 a barrel yesterday, helped to fuel inflation fears. But Friday's odd mix of signals from the Bank, the day after Eddie George, the Governor, and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, held their monthly monetary policy meeting, had an explosive effect, even though the City accepts the Treasury view that the inflation outlook this year is good. Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, and is the measure now favoured by the Treasury, slowed to an annual 2.4 per cent in June from 2.5 per cent in May.

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Swan Hunter talks give gleam of hope

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE receiver of the Swan Hunter shipyard is to hold fresh discussions with Soffia/CMN, a would-be bidder, aimed at collaborating to win a long-term workload for the yard.

The French-based Soffia/CMN group is apparently willing in principle to provide the financial guarantees needed for Ed James, the receiver, to table bids for a series of new Ministry of Defence contracts.

However, Iskandar Safa, Soffia/CMN's chief shareholder, has stood by his refusal to buy the Tyneside yard without a two-year workload. Because any deal is likely to take weeks, Swan will be unable to accept a £6 million contract to refit *RFA Olwen*, a naval tanker, awarded to Swan by the MoD.

In a joint statement issued last night, after four hours of "constructive" talks in London, Mr Safa and Mr James said further meetings would be held. "The whole issue is a very complex one and we still have some way to go to discover if an agreement is possible," they said.

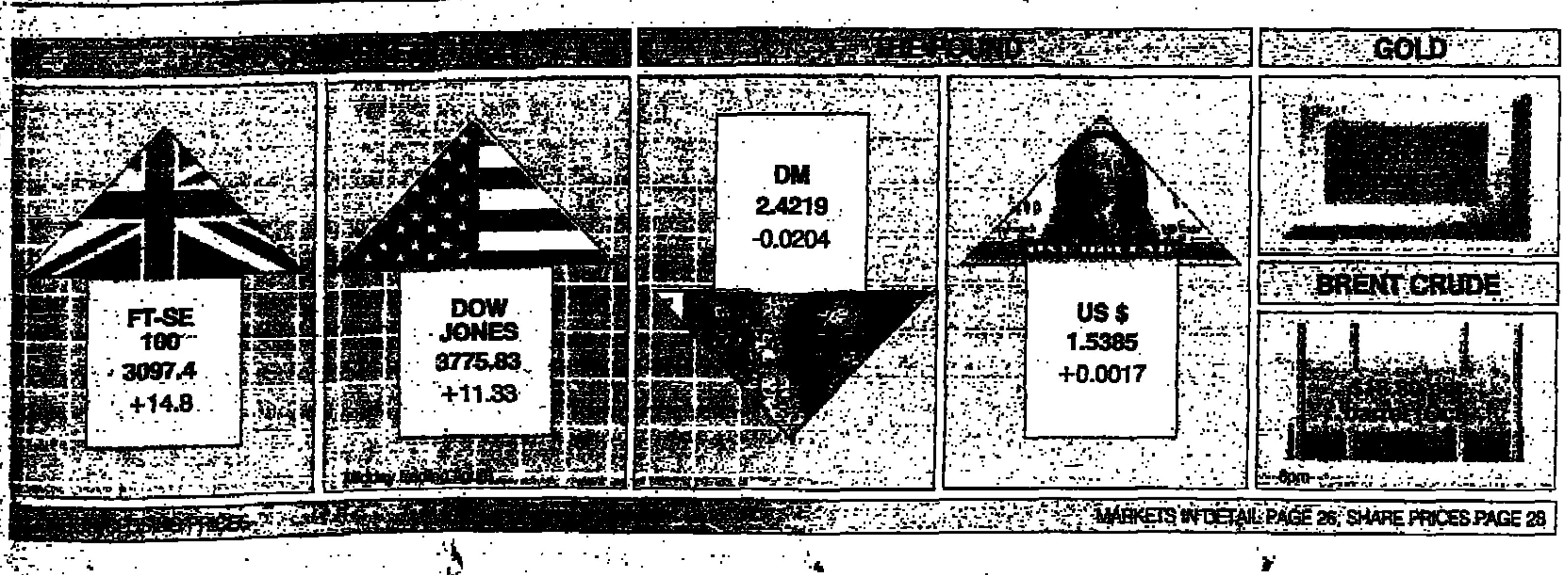
The loss of the *RFA Olwen* contract, which would have helped Swan maintain its 600 workforce, will be a disappointment. Without new orders, some employees are likely to be laid off, even before fitting out of the the last remaining vessel at the yard, the Type 23 frigate *HMS Richmond*, is completed in November.

Yesterday's talks appear to have resulted in agreement that the two sides will explore the possibility of a last effort to win new work. Earlier, Soffia/CMN and Mr James, of Price Waterhouse, the receiver, made a joint bid to refit the landing ship *Sir Bedivere*. But their price was undercut by the Rosyth royal dockyard. Now they are to explore possible bids for a variety of impending MoD contracts.

Tom Brennan, regional official of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, said: "We are delighted with what can only be a positive development." But he added: "Job cuts appear to be inevitable."

Nick Brown, Labour MP for Newcastle East, said: "Soffia-CMN are sticking with their bid and the receivers are giving them a chance — that's the importance of today's meeting."

Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, said a deal was still possible to "keep Swan Hunter alive".



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BT planning to axe a further 50,000 jobs

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

TELECOMS unions renewed their pledge to ballot for industrial action against any compulsory redundancies after Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman of BT, confirmed plans to shed a further 50,000 jobs.

The Society of Telecom Executives (STE), which represents 22,000 BT managers, said that employees were determined to resist any shift from the voluntary redundancy programme, which has enabled BT to shed 90,000 jobs in the past four years. BT unions said staff were increasingly concerned that the company's levels of service could be impaired by further job losses.

Leslie Manasseh, national organiser of the STE, said: "The problem is the company has become obsessed with cutting staff costs. But when looking at the balance sheet overall operational costs are still rising."

A spokesman for the National Communications Union (NCU), which represents 105,000 of BT's remaining 155,000 employees, said: "We cannot see how you can cut another third of the staff and still maintain the network and the quality of customer services." The NCU has decided to hold a compulsory ballot of members affected by BT plans to extend shifts until 7.30pm and, for some staff, to weekends.

The restlessness of BT staff in the face of the reshaping of Britain's core telephone network company was exacerbated after Sir Iain confirmed plans to cut total staff numbers to about 100,000. BT said: "We have been using that figure for internal planning purposes for more than a year."

The loss of a further 50,000 employees over the coming four years would suggest a slight slackening in the pace of job losses at BT. The company is on course to shed 15,000 workers this year.

However, the focus is shifting. During the early phase of its cost-cutting programme, BT was able to shed large numbers of engineers as the network modernisation programme neared completion, resulting in a far more efficient, more fault-free network. Computerisation also enabled BT to cut the number of operators and divert calls readily to low-cost centres in the regions. Now the company is increasingly directing its efforts at middle managers and their support staff, including clerical workers.

However, BT said that there were still no plans for compulsory redundancies. "We believe we can continue with these job losses on a voluntary basis."

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Nigerian strikes push Brent crude above $19 a barrel

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CRIPPLING strikes in Nigeria, the world's fifth biggest oil producer, have boosted the oil price above $19 a barrel for the first time since May last year, a development that could fuel market fears about inflationary pressures.

On the International Petroleum Exchange in London, the September contract for the benchmark Brent crude blend surged past $19 in early trading yesterday after ending last week at $18.59. It dipped back, but later became established above $19.

The jump in prices lifted oil company shares but analysts are yet to be convinced the higher prices will stick. Mehdi Varzi, oil and gas analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities, the broker, has not yet changed his 1994 average price forecast of $15.85 a barrel.

BP's first-half results, out today, are expected to show continued recovery buoyed by, among other things, rising oil prices. City forecasts are for historic cost profits of £310 million to £472 million, boosted by strong crude prices.

Economists have been largely dismissive of the inflation risk posed by rising commodity prices this year, but a sustained rise in the oil price could sour the chances of maintaining economic growth combined with low inflation.

Nigeria's powerful oil and gas trade union, and its sister organisation for senior staff, have maintained a strike for four weeks to press the military government to release Moshood Abiola, the jailed opposition leader who is believed to have won elections last year. The results of the election were annulled by the government.

The industrial action last week started to impact on exports of Nigerian oil when Royal Dutch/Shell, which accounts for half of the country's daily production of more than 2,000,000 barrels of crude, said it would not be able to deliver the bulk of its scheduled cargoes for August. Yesterday, industry sources forecast more delays. Shell said last week that its Nigerian production was about 40 per cent below normal.

Police yesterday fired tear gas and bullets into the air in Lagos, the biggest Nigerian city, to disperse protesters. Growing unrest has made several European and American companies start withdrawing employees and dependents from Nigeria.

The authoritive *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES) yesterday reported that Total, the French oil company, and Atlantic Richfield (Arco), the American oil group, have held talks with Iran concerning possible offshore developments in Iranian waters.

MEES said Total was discussing the Gulf fields of Sirri-E and Sirri-A. Arco held preliminary talks with the Iranians last month regarding a possible gas development near the Gulf terminal of Bandar Abbas.

The publication also wrote that the Iraqi-Turkish oil pipeline, which has lain idle since the Gulf War, will not be flushed for its oil contents in the near future, as Baghdad had failed to meet United Nations' conditions. The pipe will be the initial route for Iraqi oil exports when UN sanctions are lifted.

Arco had also expressed interest in using part of the gas produced from the field to supply a proposed 2,000 km gas pipeline which would link Iran, Pakistan and India. MEES said that negotiations between the three governments on the $5 billion project are still at a preliminary stage.

Iraq's tidal wave, page 27

PETER BENTLEY/PPL



Nigel Rowe, the BOC executive who yesterday won the BOC transatlantic yacht trial

Australian high-flyer accused of fraud

FROM REUTER
IN MELBOURNE

JOHN Elliott, a leading Australian businessman in the 1980s, was at the centre of sham foreign exchange payments of A$66.5 million (£32 million), a Melbourne magistrates court heard yesterday.

The transactions were alleged to have been made in the late 1980s when Mr Elliott headed Elders IXL, the giant brewing, finance and agricultural group, the court heard on the first day of a committal hearing into whether Mr Elliott should stand trial for defrauding Elders.

Brind Woinarski, prosecuting, said there was overwhelming circumstantial evidence against Mr Elliot, who has denied the charges. His counsel said there was no suggestion Mr Elliott had made any financial gain from what was a legitimate foreign exchange deal.

Mr Elliott and two other former executives are charged with two counts of theft from the shareholders of Elders totalling A$66.5 million and one of conspiracy. Another executive is charged with the theft of A$39.5 million.

Mr Elliott was renowned for setting out to "Fosterise the world" after Elders took over Carlton and United Breweries. Elders changed its name to the Foster's Brewing Group, which owns Courage, in 1990. Mr Elliott was forced to resign in 1992.

EU defends aid for two airlines

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

THE European Union has defended its decision to approve the granting of state aid to Air France and Greece's Olympic Airways against charges by America that the packages will distort competition.

Marcelino Oreja, the European commissioner for transport and energy, has written to Federico Pena, the US transport secretary, saying that "distortions of competition will be prevented through the particularly severe conditions imposed in terms of capacity limits, fleet limitation and interdiction of price leadership, which constitute, in the commission's view, an appropriate guarantee for all competitors".

Señor Oreja said that the subsidies were in line with the Treaty of Rome. He added: "In both cases, the commission is convinced that the companies will undertake restructuring processes to regain viability."

The letter was sent in response to a complaint by Mr Pena last week that the subsidies were flatly unfair to the private airline industry. There is increasing concern in America over state subsidies for troubled industries in Europe.

The European Union has endorsed a proposed Fr20 billion package of state aid for Air France and Greek aid amounting to $2.33 billion, involving huge debt write-offs, for Olympic Airways.

The Government and British Airways have each threatened to challenge the authorisations before the European Court of Justice.

British Midland Airways has said that companies that had not received state aid might take joint action next month or in October.

France has said that it will challenge one of the main conditions attached to the aid package that obliges Air France to repay a slice of previous aid amounting to Fr1.5 billion.

Founder of BOC race first in trial

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

NIGEL Rowe, BOC's director of corporate affairs, has delighted landlubber colleagues by winning the BOC solo transatlantic yacht race. The 53-year-old executive, who has taken a year's sabbatical to take on the solo round-the-world race challenge that he fostered as a corporate sponsorship event 12 years ago, completed the transatlantic trial from Falmouth to Charleston yesterday, more than 200 miles ahead of his closest class 2 rival.

Mr Rowe, who had done little sailing before launching the BOC event 12 years ago, has spent the past year preparing his 48ft yacht, *Skycatcher*, for the global challenge ahead, to start from Charleston in September.

"It was the worst race I have ever done. I don't think any of us would want to take it on again," he said after facing calms and fickle winds for the past two weeks. "Finally finishing was by far the best part."

US manufacturers enjoy boom year

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN manufacturing has expanded to its highest level in six years, according to the influential monthly survey of the National Association of Purchasing Managers.

The association said yesterday that its index of growth at the nation's factories moved up to 57.8 per cent in July from 57.5 per cent in June. The index was the highest since July 1988 and marked the 11th consecutive month of growth at American manufacturers.

An index reading above 50 per cent indicates expansion, while a reading below 50 per cent points to a decline.

The news contrasts with recent economic data showing a slowdown in the American economy. Economists and participants in the financial markets have been watching anxiously for signs that the economy is cooling off because a more torrid pace of growth tends to fuel inflation.

The purchasing managers' survey shows signs of rising inflation. The survey's price index, which measures how many manufacturers are paying higher prices for the materials they need, rose for the fourth consecutive month in July.

The association surveys managers at more than 300 industrial firms across America. The data represents the freshest evidence on how the economy is performing and is widely followed by economists and the financial markets.

☐ Personal income in America rose a scant 0.1 per cent in June, the fifth straight increase, and failed to keep pace with a 0.4 per cent rise in spending, the US government said yesterday.

The Commerce Department reported consumer spending, which represents two-thirds of America's economic activity, was up for the second successive month and four of the last five. The June increase matched the 0.4 per cent advance for May.

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Touche finds a game of two halves

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

IT'S official. Football is a game of two halves. That is the verdict of the latest financial survey on the football industry by Touche Ross, the accountancy group.

While the 22 clubs in the Premier League made an average operating profit in the 1992-93 season of £1.4 million, the less illustrious clubs delivered a poorer result, with an average operating loss of £332,000 for the Football League's Division One and about £50,000 for divisions two and three.

Manchester United, the Premier League champion for the past two seasons, topped the 1992-93 financial tables, as well making a pre-tax profit of £4.2 million. But success on the pitch does not automatically lead to bigger profits. Newcastle United, winners in Division One in 1992-93, made a loss of £374,000 pushing it down into 13th place in the financial ranking. Division One's financial winner the season before last was Portsmouth, which made profits of £2.2 million despite finishing third and failing to gain promotion.

Although the Premier clubs dominate the profit tables, small clubs can sometimes topple their bigger rivals. Burnley, of the Third Division, equalled seven Premier clubs in achieving operating returns in excess of 25 per cent of turnover.

Transfer fees remain the biggest single factor affecting profits, with more than £73 million spent on players during the season. Liverpool was the biggest spender, paying £7.32 million, followed by Tottenham Hotspur with £6.58 million and Blackburn Rovers with £6.25 million. Together Liverpool and Blackburn spent £30 million on transfers over the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons.

For the first time ever, clubs spent more upgrading their grounds than they did on players, in response to the Taylor report, commissioned after the Hillsborough disaster in 1989. A further £78 million was invested in 1992-93 on top of the £31 million in the previous season — more than has been spent in the whole of English football's previous history.

Gerry Boon, head of Touche Ross's football industry team that carried out the survey, predicts the eventual bill will be close to £400 million.



Jürgen Klinsmann, a new signing at big-spending Tottenham

BUSINESS BOUNDUP

Ernie's £1m bonanza woos more investors

THE £1 million Premium Bond jackpot attracted more customers to Ernie in the first six months of the year than in the whole of 1992 and 1993 together. The Department of National Savings had announced at the end of last year that it was increasing the largest monthly prize to £1 million from April and that it was reducing the qualifying time to take part in the monthly and weekly draws. The move was seen as safeguarding its market from the National Lottery, which will broadcast its first winner on November 19.

In the first six months of this year, sales of Premium Bonds were £1 billion. The number of prizes in 1994 has increased from some 190,000 in January to more than 260,000 in the August draw. The total value of the 262,251 prizes being paid out in August is more than £17 million. This brings the grand total of prizes since the first draw, in June 1957, to 45.5 million and the value to £2.68 billion.

Fine for insider trading

SPAIN has imposed a 15 million peseta (£76,600) fine on a former outside director of the Bank of Spain. The economy ministry has ratified a recommendation by the National Securities Market Commission, fining Tomas Ramón Fernandez Rodriguez for insider trading in Banco Español de Credito-Banesto SA shares. Fernandez ordered the sale of 2,388 Banesto shares on December 23, the same day a Bank of Spain committee met in his presence to analyse measures to be taken at Banesto, whose board the central bank ousted on December 28. The shares were sold on December 27, which the ministry said saved him 3.06 million pesetas.

Captive Halifax market

HALIFAX Building Society has launched Halifax Mortgage Re, its own captive insurance company, to underwrite some of its mortgage indemnity guarantee cover. This insurance pays out to lenders if they are forced to repossess a property, then lose money on the sale. Premiums are paid by borrowers who take out a loan for more than 75 per cent of the value of the property that they are buying. However, the cost of cover has increased steeply over the past few years as the number of claims rose. Halifax Building Society is the latest lender to set up its own company rather than having cover underwritten by another insurer.

Andrews Sykes in red

ANDREWS Sykes, the air conditioning group, incurred losses of £4.8 million after heavy redundancy and business closure costs. The Wolverhampton company had its worst ever year in the 12 months to March 31, falling from taxable profits of £1.3 million in 1993, after charging £4.1 million exceptional costs covering closure of the Centahire tool hire business, property and stock writedowns. Since the year end, David Hubbard, chairman, has resigned; Sykes included a figure of £670,000 for settlements with former directors. There is again no dividend on a loss per share of 12.4p this time against earnings of 3.7p.

Float value reduced

THE forthcoming flotation of Chamberlain Phipps Group, one of Europe's leading makers of shoes and footwear materials, is expected to value the company at about £70 million, substantially lower than the £90 million that had been expected. The company said that the adjustment reflected recent weakness in the stock market, which has been hostile towards some new issues. The two main shareholders — Dan Sullivan, chairman, and Legal & General Ventures — have also decided to sell fewer shares than originally intended. L&G Ventures, which holds about 40 per cent, will now retain more than half its stake.

Fewer French jobless

FRENCH unemployment has fallen for the first time in four years. The seasonally adjusted number of jobless fell, in June, by 13,000, to 3,333,600 (12.6 per cent of the workforce, against May's record 12.7 per cent). June's figure, confirming a recent slowdown in the rise in unemployment, will comfort the conservative government of Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, as France begins to gear up for a presidential election next May. However, the Labour Ministry gave warning against reading too much into one month's data. Michel Giraud, Labour Minister, is predicting the trend of rising unemployment should be halted towards the year end.

Italy to sell telecoms

MICHELE Tedeschi, in his first day as chairman of IRI, Italy's state holding company, forecast that the privatisation of STET, the state telecommunications group, could proceed this autumn. Market estimates value STET at about 30 trillion lire (£12.3 billion). Signor Tedeschi, former chief executive of STET, said STET, dubbed the "mother of privatisations", would follow the planned launch this month of Telecom Italia, which pulls together the five domestic telecommunications companies controlled by STET. After IRI losses of 10 trillion lire last year, Signor Tedeschi, is under pressure to make rapid disposals to reduce losses.

Caverdale drives ahead

CAVERDALE Group, the motor distributor that completed the acquisition of the Godfrey Davis chain for £2.87 million yesterday, said initial reports from dealerships indicate new car sales in August will be considerably higher than last year. The company reported profits of £1.28 million for the six months to June 30, compared with £663,000, on turnover of £48.3 million (£21.6 million). The company estimates that Godfrey Davis will add a further £70 million to turnover in a full year. The company, which passed the interim dividend last year, is recommending payment of 0.10p a share, from earnings of 0.55p a share (0.46p).

CLT's Chiltern bid fails

CLT, the European media group, has conceded defeat in its attempt to break into the UK radio market by giving up its takeover offer for Chiltern Radio, saying that it intends to allow the £16.9 million offer, which closes on Friday, to lapse unless it has won 50 per cent support. Victory for CLT, based in Luxembourg, and having about 27 per cent of Chiltern, is all but impossible because three large Chiltern shareholders — Daily Mail & General Trust, Capital Radio and GWR — own more than 50 per cent of the shares and have opposed CLT's 242p a share offer, which was backed by Chiltern's management, on the grounds that it undervalues Chiltern.

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The Old Lady's false start

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☐ AS indicated over the weekend, by those not unfamiliar with Threadneedle Street's paving stones, Friday's shenanigans in London's money market were but a false start. Base Rate remains at 5¾ per cent and those who run the gauntlet with positions in gilts, equities or currencies have been called back to the starting blocks. On your marks, get set, but don't expect Governor Eddie George to squeeze the trigger until a breath-taking period has elapsed.

Put another way, the UK's financial markets are, more or less, back to where they were before Friday's little episode, when the Bank of England accepted bids for the weekly Treasury bill tender at rates of up to 5.75 per cent: an event that sparked inevitable speculation over the possibility of a base rate tweak of around half a point early this week. News that the Bank had provided the money market with assistance at "established" rates promptly laid speculation over an imminent base rate rise to rest. Word now has it that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and Mr George had agreed, at their monthly meeting last Thursday, to maintain current base rates for the time being.

Speculation over the imminent thus gives way to speculation over the short term. Hardly a new phenomenon, bearing in mind that global markets are still mulling over last month's inflation/interest rate perspective from US Fed chairman, Alan Greenspan. His message to the Senate banking committee was that whether actions to date had been sufficient to head off inflationary pressures was an "open question". In his words: "We are monitoring economic and financial data carefully to assess whether additional adjustments are appropriate."

Much the same could be said for the Bank of England which, since the peak of the last interest rate cycle in 1989, has 15 consecutive base rate cuts under her belt. Economic growth is quickening — 3.3 per cent up in the second quarter — and although uncertainty over the timing of a base rate adjustment prevails, there is no uncertainty as to the direction of such an adjustment.

What is clearly perturbing the Governor and his colleagues is industry's scepticism over the Government's ability to keep the demon inflation tamed, despite an underlying growl of no more than 2.4 per cent. Such scepticism was highlighted in last week's CBI survey, which found that numerous companies still take the view that investment projects should yield a rate of return above 20 per cent or achieve pay back within three years. Similarly, the Bank of England's quarterly review, due out today, stresses that much of industry is setting precisely the same criteria for new investment as it did during the recession.

But with interest rates set to uptick — presumably well before the Conservative Party's October 11 jamboree — the Bank's lecture to industry, however well intended, hardly looks best timed.

A trolley full of bad news

☐ WHILE Eddie George frets about inflation, the food retailers are having sleepless nights about the new enemy of price deflation. The average shopping basket has dropped by 5.5 per cent since last summer, according to the latest survey of food prices by Verdict, the retail consultant, and will continue to fall. This is good news for consumers, but yet another trolley of bad news for the food retailers, who have been trying hard to convince the City that price wars are no more than an unpleasant memory.

Indeed, the City has largely believed the tale. Shares in the sector, which have taken an undignified hammering for much of the year, have recovered recently on the back of upbeat noises.

Both Argyll and Sainsbury have delivered better news on trading in recent weeks, while Tesco has been on a steady upward trend for some time. There may be a temporary lull in the price war that has bedevilled the sector for most of the past year, but the structural reasons that led to the outbreak of hostilities still remain. The principal problem is that supply still outstrips demand — a state of affairs unlikely to rectify itself in the near future. Although the major multiples have cut back on expansion, plans are still afoot to spend some £2 billion, adding about 200 new stores over the next few years.

This rapid growth by the publicly-quoted counters coincides with aggressive expansion by the discounters, such as Aldi and Netto, as well as new entrants, such as Lidl, the German operator, and Ed, owned by Carrefour. By 1995, these discount formats will be adding a similar amount of square footage as the major multiples. Food retailers may have to wait until 1996 before demand matches supply.

In an environment where market share is hard to come by, it is inevitable that the larger players will seek to bolster their position through acquisition. Hence Tesco and Sainsbury's uncharacteristic tussle for William Low. Not that this is a sure-fire recipe for success. Whoever eventually snaps up Low will have to pay a steep price and the deal may well prove earnings dilutive.

It's cheap to talk

☐ IN THE space of four strike-free years, BT has reduced its workforce by 90,000. Now it wants to reward their remarkable collaboration in restructuring Britain's dominant phone company by shedding 50,000 of the 155,000 who remain. That is harsh medicine, but will come as little surprise to those within BT, who have long been aware of such management estimates.

Technical advance has transformed the cost of operating telephone networks. Gone are the unreliable analogue exchanges and the grumpy local operators. In an age of optical fibre, digital switching and computers, the cost to BT of routing a customer inquiry from Dover to Dundee, or even the Isle of Skye, is negligible. So employees, at all levels, are able to contribute more. Therefore, fewer of them are needed.

The technological transformation of BT coincides with far-reaching changes in its market and regulatory environment. The use of telephony is growing apace. But regulation, and competition, are ensuring that most of the growth occurs at BT's new rivals, from Mercury to the cable television companies and mobile phone operators.

The National Communications Union tried to trace some of BT's redundant workers. It found that a few had chosen to work for rivals, but most had started their own businesses.

If the Government had encouraged BT to press ahead with its electronic super-highway and given a go-ahead for video on demand and home shopping, some of these jobs may have been saved.

Playing monopoly

☐ THE DTI's plan for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to publish accounts is all very well, but whether that will make this secretive arbiter more accountable is open to question. The DTI's pressure on the MMC to contract out more of its work is more welcome. It might even mean that champion of the free market will no longer have a monopoly on the judgment of monopolies.

Insurance watchdog 'let down customers'

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE council of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau was yesterday accused by Julian Farrand, the outgoing ombudsman, of "collaborating" with the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) to put in place a new scheme that offers less protection to investors.

Announcing his resignation as insurance ombudsman to take up the post of pensions ombudsman next month, Dr Farrand said: "I believe the council let the bureau down, and policyholders of our member companies down, by collaborating with a scheme which offers less good protection for investors".

Complaints about long term life assurance and pensions policies are to be gradually taken over by Stephen Edell, the new PIA ombudsman, leaving the insurance ombudsman to deal with complaints about general insurance. This move has "stripped us of half our significance", said Dr Farrand.

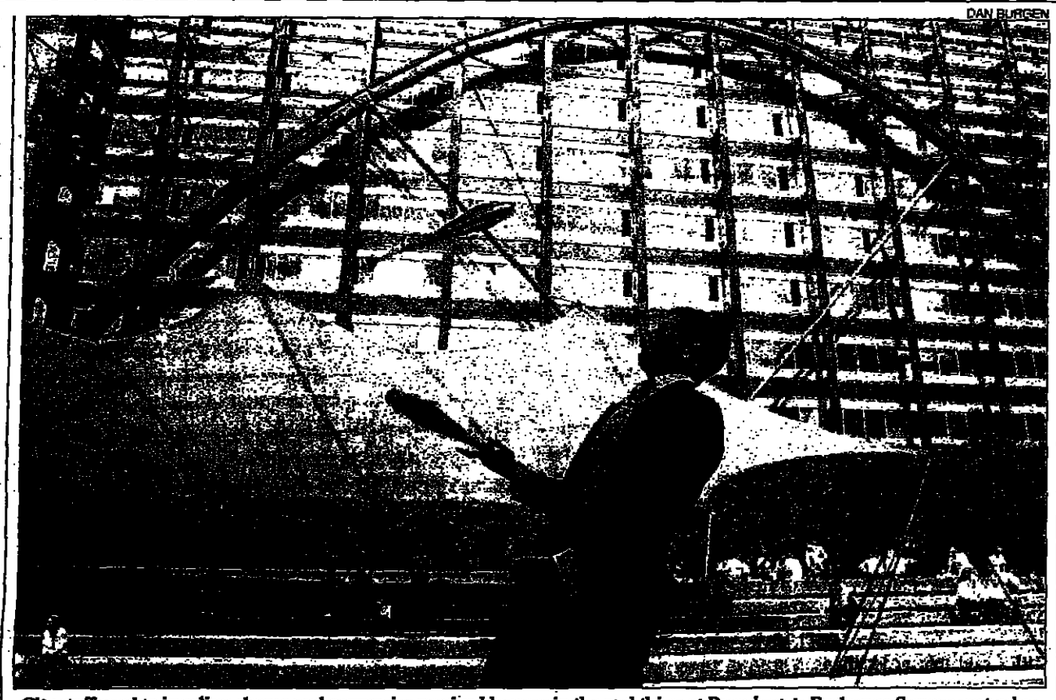
He has had the power to make awards binding on the insurance companies of up to £100,000, whereas Mr Edell will only be able to make binding awards up to £50,000. He can make awards of up to £100,000 in some circumstances but only if the firm concerned agrees. The PIA argues that membership of its scheme is compulsory for all PIA regulated firms. Membership of the existing insurance ombudsman scheme is voluntary, although most companies are members.



Farrand: poorer scheme

Maurice Healy, deputy chairman of the council of the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau, rejected Dr Farrand's accusations of collaboration. "The council agreed that our best bet was to see that the handover of functions went as smoothly as possible... The PIA scheme does in some ways offer inferior benefits, but on the other hand it covers independent financial advisers, for example." The insurance ombudsman had offered to handle complaints for the PIA on an agency basis, but when this was rejected, the council had had no choice but to co-operate with the PIA, said Mr Healy.

Dr Farrand takes up his post as pensions ombudsman on September 1, appointed by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary. If, as expected, proposals outlined in a White Paper in June become law, Dr Farrand will be responsible for running the compensation fund. This will pay scheme members who have lost benefits through fraud, theft or employer insolvency and will be funded by a levy on pension funds. Dr Farrand will be involved in drawing up plans for the compensation fund.



DAN BURGEN

City staff used to juggling shares and currencies received lessons in the real thing at Broadgate's Exchange Square yesterday

German floors group requests bankruptcy

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BALSAM, the German sports flooring group whose entire management board was arrested in June on suspicion of fraud, yesterday opened bankruptcy proceedings at the district court in Bielefeld, in North Rhine-Westphalia.

The public prosecutor's office, which removed a lorry load of documents from Balsam's offices in connection with the arrests, has estimated that Balsam, in which Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank were sleeping partners, via subsidiaries, had used alleged false documents since the mid-Eighties to obtain DM2 billion to mask the company's effective bankruptcy. Its books showed turnover of DM460 million last year.

Balsam, which supplied facilities for the Barcelona Olympics and Houston baseball stadium, was the main client of Procedo, a factoring company in Wiesbaden, whose supervisory board chairman, Hubert Beuter, was a friend of Friedel Balsam, Balsam's owner.

Procedo had to seek court protection from creditors earlier this year under German practice similar to Chapter 11 proceedings in America. The main owner of Procedo is Allgemeine Kreditversicherung, part of Allianz, Europe's biggest insurance group.

The Balsam case and its effect on Procedo have renewed criticism in Germany about the sloppiness of the banks and supervisory authorities. The fact that a request for Balsam to be prosecuted was put to the public prosecutor in Bielefeld late in 1992 has also aroused criticism of the authorities' slowness.

A meeting with Balsam creditors in the bankruptcy proceedings is due on October 5, the court said. Balsam's debt was put at DM2.5 million.

Increase in managed funds boosts Govett

BY ROBERT MILLER

GOVETT & Co, the international fund management company that is registered in Jersey, reported an increase in pre-tax profits to $27.3 million, from $22.8 million, in the six months to June 30.

The company, which has its shares listed on the London Stock Exchange and Nasdaq exchanges in America, said that earnings were boosted by a strong rise in funds under management to total $8.6 billion.

This included $200 million of new American institutional client money. Overall, Govett's fund management income increased by $5.2 million to $13.6 million. Basic earnings per share were 35.7 cents, compared with 28.8 cents last time, and the interim dividend was 11 cents (10 cents).

New fund launches from London included Govett's Global Smaller Companies investment trust and the Safeguard unit trust. Funds under management in Govett's UK stable of unit and investment trust rose to £2.5 billion, compared with £1.8 billion last time.

London Pacific, Govett's American insurance arm, increased annuity sales to the age 60-plus marketplace with net premium income up by 18 per cent, to $9.7 million. Cumulative sales of annuities in America have now reached $1 billion.

Arthur Trueger, the executive chairman of Govett, said: "We are content with the results in the first half. In the investment management business, market conditions are a critical factor in earnings results.

"With a fair wind for world markets in the second half, we are hopeful about earnings prospects for the balance of the year."

Hiscox hit by US interest rate rise

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE rise in US interest rates in February hit the net asset value of Hiscox Select Insurance Fund, one of the new Lloyd's of London investment funds floated on the stock market (Sarah Bagnall writes).

In the first six months of the year, Hiscox Select's net asset value slipped from 100.5p a share to 90.09p. Cameron McLatchie, chairman, said: "The rise in US interest rates unsettled capital markets and this caused considerable weakness in international bonds and equities. As a result, the investment portfolio produced a negative return of 3.2 per cent for period." Hiscox Select's results cover the period October 11 to June 30. Over the past month, the net asset value has recovered slightly to 92.3p.

The company said the impact of last week's theft of two Turner paintings worth £24 million would be negligible. The lead insurer of the paintings was Hiscox syndicate 33, in which Hiscox Select has invested £4.2 million, equal to 8.3 per cent of its total portfolio. The insurance of the paintings is spread over several syndicates as well as outside the Lloyd's market.

Hiscox Select made a pre-tax profit of £808,000, reflecting the returns made on its investment portfolio after expenses of £285,000. The company received dividends of £131,000 and interest of £962,000.

Shareholders are being paid a maiden dividend of 1.5p, out of earnings of 1.8p a share. The shares rose 1p to 95p, compared with November's flotation price of 100p when the company raised £30 million.

Rowlinson

Mr. P J Rowlinson, Chairman reports on year ended 31st March 1994.

- Profits increased to £3.134m (£.722m).
- Net assets per share 208p.
- Earnings per share 15.7p.
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Banks agree to merge

TWO banks in America's Mid-West are to merge to create a single bank with 45 offices and $2.8 billion in assets in the Chicago area. Firstar, Wisconsin's largest bank holding company, said it that would buy First Colonial Bankshares in a share deal worth $314 million (Sean Mac Carthaigh writes).

Milwaukee-based Firstar runs four banks and 15 offices in the Chicago area. First Colonial, based in Chicago, has 17 banks and 30 offices locally. First Colonial has total assets of nearly $2 billion. Firstar, in six states, has assets of $14 billion.

"This transaction allows Firstar to almost triple the size of its Chicago-area franchise," Roger Fitzsimonds, the company chairman, said. Firstar would save $24 million annually, or about 22 per cent of First Colonial operating costs.

First Colonial shareholders are to receive $26.75 a share.

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Takeover battle boosts Wm Low price

THE Scottish supermarket chain, **Wm Low**, which is the subject of a takeover battle after Thursday's 305p a share counterbid from **J. Sainsbury**, advanced 17p to 340p as speculation intensified that a higher bid is in the offing.

Traders, who have been waiting to see if an auction develops, said there was talk of an improved offer, possibly today, in the region of 350p a share from **Tesco**, which had made an original 225p a share bid for Low.

Analysts said that if Tesco does bid, Sainsbury is likely to follow with a counter-offer this week, in the region of 380p-400p. Some argue that Wm Low will be taken out for 400p or more, though 400p will be a difficult psychological barrier for either player to pass, with the deal seen as becoming earnings dilutive at about 390p. Tesco, which held a routine board meeting yesterday, added 5p to 236½p, while Sainsbury firmed 5p to 412p.

Meanwhile, shares reversed early losses and resumed their upward climb, somewhat relieved after the Bank of England signalled through money market operations that interest rates are not going up just yet.

The Government is expected to resist pressure for an immediate base rate rise, but the Bank's confusing signals to the money markets again contributed to a general mood of uncertainty and kept investors on the sidelines.

Traders largely overlooked July's higher than expected M0 narrow money supply growth figures, though a firmer start on Wall Street bolstered sentiment in London afternoon trading.

STOCK MARKET

The FT-SE 100 index ended near its best, finishing up 14.8 at 3,097.5. Volume only reached 544.7 million shares in the seasonally thin summer trading period.

Abbey National lost 12p to 385p, with talk of downgradings prompted by fears of increasing competition. The markdown came in spite of Abbey accompanying a 41 per cent advance in first-half profits with plans for an insurance joint venture with **Commercial Union**, down 2p to 548p. Among those with current links with Abbey, **Royal Insurance** firmed 1p to 251p, but **Legal & General** fell 6p to 448p. Elsewhere, **NatWest**, which is due to report today, added 5p to 453p.

Lasmo continued to attract interest as a firmer oil price and bid speculation drove the shares 4p higher to 151p, giving a two-day gain of 9p, on volume of 3.7 million shares, with reports of American-led option buying.

Industry reports of bumper August M-registration sales underpinned car dealers. **Cowie** rose 5½p to 268p, **Inchcape** 2p to 448p and **Lex Service** 5½p to 429½p.

Concerns that the newspaper price war appears to be intensifying, after *The Independent* cut its cover price to 30p, depressed **Telegraph** shares 3p to 365p, while **Pearson** added 2p to 656p and **News International**, publisher of *The Times*, rose 2p to 241p.

Water shares softened against a firmer market trend after profit-taking in the wake of last week's new price limits from Ofwat, the industry regulator, and concerns over higher interest rates.

Severn Trent fell 9p to 547p, **Northumbrian** 12p to 623p, **Southern** 12p to 577p, **Welsh** 11p to 610p and **Wessex Water** slid 25p to 626p, in ex-dividend form. Electricity shares also dimmed, while among the generators, **National Power** dropped 3p to 444p and **PowerGen** faded 1p to 509p.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Government stocks had a quiet day after Friday's roller-coaster ride. After a steady start, the market headed lower, but recovered after firmer US Treasuries. Dealers said the gilts market is not likely to settle down until the interest rate speculation dies down, while today sees the Bank of England's report on the outlook for inflation in its quarterly bulletin. The September long gilt future recovered from a low of £101³⁄₃₂ to end four ticks higher at £101¼, on quiet volume of 46,000 contracts traded. Among cash stocks, shorts fared better than longs.

□ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips advanced, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 11.33 points to 3,775.83 at midday.

PHILIP PANGALOS



ANTHONY HARRIS

The time is out of joint...

O cursed spite, that ever I was born to set it right!

In other words — not Hamlet's — the relative prices in London make no visible sense at the moment. To specify: British equities now yield almost exactly the same as indexed bonds, which is against the normal order of things: and British bonds yield handsomely more than their US or French equivalents, in spite of good UK trade and inflation numbers. Why?

Take the equity-indexed relationship. Indexed, price expectation apart, yield a fixed real return. Equities, ex-cyclical influences, offer a real income that grows with the economy. But indexed are risk-free; equities are not. At most times, the implied risk premium more than offsets the growth prospects in equities, which yield more than indexed. This is mispricing — every fund manager knows that with hindsight he should have held an all-equity portfolio; but it has been surprisingly consistent. So what are we to make of their present equivalence? This is where it gets confusing. One current influence is the change in pension fund rules, which will force mature funds to hold more bonds and fewer equities; but this should work in the opposite direction, favouring bonds over equities. (The weakness of conventional gilts is still more puzzling in this context.) So if these relationships were set purely by the needs and expectations of domestic investors, we would have to look for other influences strong enough to offest the new rules, and then some.

Two suggest themselves: either investors collectively believe we face a world shortage of savings, so that real interest rates are bound to rise, and even current indexed yields are too low for tomorrow's markets; or they believe the recent rise in UK profits is only the start of a catch-up with the higher earnings in other countries. In such a scenario, indexed yields are due to rise still further, so the prospective yield is lower than the current one; but for equities, the prospective return is higher. QED.

The capital shortage theory is fashionable, and there is some reason, notably the coming slimming of the Japanese surplus, to suppose that it may come right. But do investors believe that profits, which are already at historically high levels by British standards, will not be affected by the rising cost of capital which would result from world capital famine? It hardly seems likely. On the contrary, a prospective famine of invisible funds should depress prices and raise returns in all securities markets. So these two influences are not only inadequate to account for an odd relationship; they are mutually inconsistent. Try again.

Try the global perspective, and it all looks different. First, it is no longer true that indexed gilts offer a known real return. A foreign investor is not interested in the domestic price level, but in the exchange rate; so if the pound is seen as prospectively weak, indexed gilts are of no interest. But his view of British equities should not be unduly influenced by his feelings about sterling, since London equities have large foreign earnings, and a falling currency helps domestic profits profits.

A bearish view of sterling, therefore, justifies the current equity-indexed relationship (despite the fact that indexed attract virtually no foreign buying). What is more, it explains the relatively high yield on conventional British gilts, despite British fiscal virtue, which reduces the prospective supply, and new rules which will boost the domestic demand. The only trouble with this analysis is that judged purely on economics, there is no good reason to be a bear of sterling. The pound is already highly competitive, inflation forecasts remain low, and the current account is improving faster than expected.

Why so bearish, then? Force of habit — sterling has been weak for decades — and politics: investors fear that the government's bad poll ratings may force it into folly. If, like me, you believe the Chancellor is a long-view man (and privately quite unworried by the polls); and that export-led growth will be good for us, you will see all British securities as unfashionably good value.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ .... 1.5385 (+0.0017)
German mark .... 2.4219 (-0.0204)
Exchange index .... 79.0 (-0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 .... 3097.4 (+14.8)
Dow Jones .... 3775.83 (+11.33)*
Nikkei Avg .... 20271.35 (-178.04)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5¾-5⅝%
US Federal Funds 4⅜%*
3-month Treas Bills 4.29-4.27%*
Long Bond 7.42%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5378*	£:$	1.5368
$:DM	1.5765*	£:DM	2.4227
$:SWfr	1.3315*	£:SWfr	2.0447
$:Ffr	5.3900*	£:Ffr	8.2985
$:Yen	99.28*	£:Yen	152.37
£:SDR	1.0675	£:ECU	1.2663

London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($)
AM 384.00 .... PM 383.85
Close 383.40-383.90
New York:
Comex 382.25-382.75*

OIL
Brent Crude. $18.80 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI 144.7 June (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

Ashtead profits up 150%

By Martin Barrow

ASHTEAD, the plant and tool hire company, said the pace of recovery continued to quicken in the first quarter of the current year, with all divisions showing rises in turnover.

Ashtead shares rose 21p to 383p after the company reported a rise in profits to £7 million before tax in the year to April 30, from £2.8 million previously. The 150 per cent increase was achieved on a 29.2 per cent rise in turnover to £43.8 million from £33.9 million, with pre-tax margins doubling to 16 per cent.

Peter Lewis, chairman, said: "These results are reward for the bold policy of investing during a recession in people, plant and facilities. This unorthodox approach has ensured that the group benefits from its high operational gearing, which has produced the significant improvement in our operating margin." Last year, capital expenditure rose to £21.6 million from £10.5 million.

A final dividend of 4.2p a share is recommended, lifting the total to 5.5p (4.538p). The dividend is payable from earnings of 20.8p a share, adjusted for last year's rights issue, rising from 9.4p previously. In November, the company raised £20.4 million, issuing new shares at 280p. After debt repayment and acquisitions, Ashtead ended the financial year with net cash of £5.6 million. A-Plant, Ashtead's UK plant hire division, increased operating profits to £5.8 million (£2.7 million). Sunbelt Rentals, the US plant hire business, earned £809,000, (£162,000).

PETER TRIEVNOR



Peter Lewis, left, and George Burnett, managing director

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WALL STREET

	Aug 1 midday	Jul 29 close
AMP Inc	75½	74½
AMR Corp	57½	57½
AT & T	54½	54½
Abbott Labs	28	28½
Aetna Life	51½	51½
Ahmanson (HF)	20½	19½
Air Prod & Chem	47½	48
Albertson's	26½	27
Alcan Aluminum	24½	24½
Alco Standard	60½	60½
Allied Signal	38½	38½
Alum Co of Am	78½	78½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6½
Amerada Hess	51½	52
Amer Brands	34	34½
Amer Cyanamid	63	63½
Amer El Power	31½	30½
Amer Express	26½	26½
Amer Genl Corp	28½	28½
Amer Home Pr	57½	57½
Amer Intl	95	94½
Amer Stores	25½	25½
Ameritech	41½	41
Amoco	59½	59½
Anheuser-Busch	52½	52½
Apple Computer	33½	33½
Archer Daniels	24½	24½
Armco	6½	5½
Armstrng Wrld	49½	49½
Asarco	30½	29½
Ashland Oil	35½	35½
Atl Richfield	107½	107½
Auto Data Pro	52½	51½
Avery Dennison	32½	32½
Avon Products	56½	56½
Baker Hughes	21½	21½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	22½
Banc One	33½	33½
BankAmerica	47½	48½
Bank of NY	31½	31½
Bankers Tr NY	67½	67
Barnett Banks	45½	44½
Bausch & Lomb	36	35½
Baxter Intl	26½	26½
Becton Dickinsn	42	42½
Bell Atlantic	58	56½
BellSouth	63	62½
Black & Decker	21	20½
Block (H&R)	39½	39
Boeing	44½	44½
Boise Cascade	24½	25
Borden Inc	11½	11½
Bristol Myrs Sq	52½	52½
Browning Ferris	31½	31
Brunswick	24	23½
Burlington Nthn	52½	52
CBS	316½	312
CNA Financial	62	62½
CPC Intl	50½	50½
CSX	77½	77½
Campbell Soup	37½	37
Can Pacific	14½	14½
Cptl Cities ABC	76½	77½
Cptl Holdings	29½	29½
Carolina Pwr	26½	26½
Caterpillar	109½	108½
Central & SW	23½	22½
Champion Intl	34½	34½
Chase Manhat	36½	36½
Chemical Bk	38½	38½
Chevron Corp	44½	44½
Chrysler	48½	48½
Chubb Corp	75	74½
Cigna Corp	68½	68½
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	49½	49½
Coastal Corp	31½	31½
Coca Cola	44½	44½
Colgate-Palmolive	52½	53½
Columbia Gas	28½	28
Commonw Ed	22½	22½
Compaq Comp	32½	31½
Comp Ass Int	38½	38½
Conagra	31½	31½
Cons Edison	29½	28½
Cons Nat Gas	38½	38½
Cons Rail	53½	53½
Cooper Inds	37½	37½
Corning Inc	31½	31½
Crown Cork	35½	35½
Dana Corp	29	28½
Dayton Hudson	82½	82½
Deere	69½	70½
Delta Air Lines	48½	48½
Deluxe Corp	26	26
Detroit Edison	26½	26½
Digital Equip	19½	19½
Dillard Dept St	33½	33½
Disney (Walt)	42½	42½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donelley (RR)	28½	28½
Dover Corp	58½	58½
Dow Chemical	68½	69½
Dow Jones	30½	30½
Dresser	21½	21½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Bradstreet	57½	57½
Du Pont	59½	59½
Eastman Kodak	47½	48½
Eaton Corp	52	51½

	Aug 1 midday	Jul 29 close
Emerson Elec	61½	60½
Engelhard Corp	24½	24½
Enron Corp	32½	32½
Enserch	25½	25½
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	59½	59½
FMC Corp	38½	39½
FPL Group	32½	31½
Federal Express	64½	66½
Fed Nat Mtge	86½	86½
First Chicago	50½	50½
First Interstate	75½	75½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	35½	36½
Fluor Corp	54½	54½
Ford Motor	31½	31½
GTE Corp	32½	31½
Gannett	50½	50½
Gap Inc Del	38½	38½
Gen Dynamics	40½	40½
Gen Electric	50½	50½
Gen Mills	50	49½
Gen Motors	52½	51½
Gen Reinsurance	115	115½
Gen Signal	36½	36½
Genuine Parts	35½	35½
Georgia Pac	64½	64½
Gillette	69½	69½
Glaxo ADR	17½	17½
Goodrich (BF)	46	45½
Goodyear Tire	35½	35½
Grace (WR)	41	41½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20	20½
Great Wstn Fin	19½	19½
Halliburton	34½	34
Harcourt General	35½	35½
Heinz (HJ)	32½	33
Hercules	107½	106½
Hershey Foods	42	42½
Hewlett Packard	78½	77½
Hilton Hotels	62½	63½
Home Depot	40½	41
Homestake Mng	18½	18½
Honeywell	31½	31½
Household Intl	34½	34½
Houston Inds	35½	35½
Humana	19½	18½
ITT Corp	84½	85½
Illinois Tool	40½	40½
INCO	27½	27½
Ingersoll Rand	36	36½
Inland Steel	40½	38
Intel Corp	59½	59½
IBM	61½	61½
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	42
Intl Paper	73½	72½
James River Va	19½	19½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	47½	47
Kellogg	51½	51½
Kerr-McGee	49½	50½
Kimberly-Clark	57½	56½
Kmart	16½	16½
Knight-Ridder	54	54
Lilly (Eli)	49½	48½
Limited Inc	19½	19½
Lin Brdcstng	125½	125
Lincoln Nat	37½	37½
Litton	37½	37½
Liz Claiborne	20½	21½
Lockheed	63½	63
Louisiana Pac	32½	32½
MCI Comm	23½	22½
Marriott Int	27½	27½
Marsh & McLnn	86	85½
Masco Corp	25½	26½
May Dept St	39½	39½
Maytag Corp	19½	19½
McCaw Cellular	53	53½
McDonalds	27½	27½
McDonnell D	112½	113
McGraw Hill	69½	69½
Mead Corp	45	44½
Medtronic	87½	89½
Mellon Bk	57½	57½
Melville Corp	37½	37½
Merck Inc	29½	29½
Merrill Lynch	36½	36½
Minnesota Mine	53½	53½
Mobil Corp	84½	83½
Monsanto	77	78½
Morgan (JP)	62½	63
Motorola Inc	52½	53
Natl Medical	17½	17
Natl Semi	17½	16½
Natl Service Ind	27½	27½
Navistar Int	13½	13
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	24½	23½
Newmont Mng	39½	39½
Niag Mohawk	17	16½
Nike B	61½	61½
NL Industries	10½	9½
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	43½	43½
Norfolk Sthrn	62½	63
Nthn State Pwr	43	42½
Norwest Corp	26	26½
Nynex Corp	39½	38½
Occidental Pet	19½	19½
Ohio Edison	19	19

	Aug 1 midday	Jul 29 close
Oracle Systems	38½	38½
Oryx Energy Co	15½	15½
Owens Corning	34½	33½
PNC Financial	28½	28½
PPG Industries	38½	39½
Paccar Inc	50	50½
Pacificorp	17½	17½
Pac Enterprises	20½	20½
Pac Gas & Elect	24½	24½
Pac Telesis	32½	32½
Pall Corp	16½	15½
Panhandle East	20½	20½
Parker Hannifin	43½	43½
Peco Energy	27½	26½
Penney (JC)	49½	49½
Pennzoil	50½	50½
Pepsico	30½	30½
Pfizer	62	62
Phelps Dodge	62½	61½
Philip Morris	55½	55
Phillips Pet	32½	32½
Pitney Bowes	35½	35½
Polaroid	34½	34½
PriceCostco	15½	15
Procter & Gmbl	55½	55½
Pub Serv E & G	28	27½
Quaker Oats	76½	75½
Ralston Purina	37½	37
Raychem Corp	36	35½
Raytheon	65½	65½
Reebok Ind	35½	35½
Reynolds Metals	50½	50½
Roadway Srvcs	61½	60½
Rockwell Intl	35½	35½
Rohm & Haas	64½	64½
Royal Dutch	112½	113
Rubbermaid	28½	27½
Safeco Corp	55½	55½
St Paul's Cos	42½	42½
Salomon Inc	43½	43½
Santa Fe Pac	20½	14½
Sara Lee Corp	20½	20½
Scecorp	13½	13½
Schering Plough	63	64½
Schlumberger	60½	59
Scott Paper	58½	57½
Seagram	30½	30½
Sears Roebuck	46½	47½
Shell Trans	67½	67½
Sherwin Wlms	33½	32½
Skyline Corp	18½	18½
Snap-On-Tools	36½	36½
Southern Co	19½	19½
Sthwestern Bell	42	42
Sprint Corp	37	36½
Stanley Works	40½	40½
Sun Company	28	27½
Sun Microsys	22½	22½
Suntrust	48½	48½
Supervalu	28½	28½
Syntex Corp	23½	23½
Sysco Corp	24½	23½
TRW Inc	70	69½
Tandem Comp	14½	13½
Tandy Corp	37½	37½
Telecom Corp	3½	3½
Teledyne	17½	17½
Temple Inland	50½	51½
Tenneco	47½	48
Texaco	63½	63½
Texas Inst	79½	78½
Texas Utilities	33½	32½
Textron	53½	53½
Time Warner	36½	37½
Times-Mirror	30½	29½
Timken	34½	34½
Torchmark	39½	38½
Toys R Us	34½	34½
Transamerica	51½	50½
Travelers	33½	33½
Tribune	52	52½
Tyco Labs	43½	43½
UST Inc	29	28½
UAL	100	99½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unilever NV	107½	107
Union Camp	47½	47½
Union Carbide	28½	28½
Union Pacific	59½	59
Unisys Corp	8½	8½
USAir Group	6½	6½
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	36½	36½
US West	40½	40½
United Tech	61½	60½
Unocal Corp	29½	29
Upjohn	29½	30
VF Corp	51½	51½
WMX Tech	29½	29½
Wal-Mart Stores	25½	26
Warner-Lambert	64½	65
Wells Fargo	155½	153½
Westinghouse El	12½	12½
Weyerhaeuser	42½	42
Whirlpool	50½	50½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	46½	46½
Woolworth	14½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	40	41
Xerox	103	102½

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.04
Austria Sch	18.10	16.80
Belgium Fr	53.24	48.84
Canada $	2.255	2.095
Cyprus Cyp£	0.774	0.724
Denmark Kr	10.17	9.37
Finland Mkk	8.88	7.88
France Fr	8.77	8.07
Germany Dm	2.58	2.37
Greece Dr	380.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	12.61	11.61
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2535.00	2380.00
Japan Yen	168.00	151.00
Malta	0.619	0.564
Netherlds Gld	2.878	2.649
Norway Kr	11.20	10.40
Portugal Esc	258.50	240.00
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.60
Spain Pta	207.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	12.52	11.72
Switzerland Fr	2.20	2.02
Turkey Lira	REFER	45999.0
USA $	1.646	1.516

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

RECENT ISSUES

3i (272)	293½	+2½
Bail Giff Shn Npn Wts	87	...
Carnell (18)	28	...
Emg Markets Country	58	...
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	34	...
Eurodollar (220)	224	-1
Exco (175)	198	+1
Freeport Leisure	70	...
Ideal Hardware	281	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	71	...
John Mansfield (3)	3½	...
Old Mutual SA (100)	98	...
Old Mutual SA Wts	44	...
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	93	-1
Panther Wts	13	...
Perroceltic	39	...
Schroder Japan Gwth	94	-½
Schroder Japan Wts	51	...
Scudder Latin Amer	89	...
Scudder Latin Amer Wts	43	...
Shires Hi-Yldg Smlr C (100)	99	...
Sth Country Homes	13	-½
TR Euro Gwth Ptg Sb (100)	97	...
TR Property Wts	11	+½
Tops Estates Wts	34	...
VideoLogic	41½	-1
Yates Bros Wine (140)	166	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Bolton n/p (15)	1½	...
Charter n/p	121	...
Excalibur n/p (40)	2	-½
Finelist n/p (120)	22	-1
Freeport Leisure n/p	5	...
Helene n/p (24)	2½	...
Paramount n/p (9)	½	...
Ricardo n/p (130)	9	...
Surrey Group n/p (1½)	½	...
Waddington (John) n/p (190)	18	-2
Wates City Lon Prps n/p (73)	½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Wolstenholme Rink .... 723p (+20p)
AB Food .... 573p (+10p)
Dalepak .... 118p (+10p)
William Low .... 340p (+17p)
Blenheim Group .... 244p (+13p)
Laporte .... 779p (+7p)
Sime Darby .... 169p (+7p)
Swire Pacific 'A' .... 548¼p (+12p)
Kleinwort Benson .... 481p (+6p)
RMC Group .... 958p (+6p)

FALLS:
Mitel .... 226p (-11p)
Abbey National .... 385p (-12p)
Tay Homes .... 155p (-8p)
Andrews Sykes .... 50p (-10p)
Sun Alliance .... 322p (-9p)
WH Smith .... 452p (-7p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,800	Caradon	1,200	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot Power	1,500
Abbey Natl	5,500	Carlton Cms	333	Lloyds Bk	1,900	Sears	838
Alld-Lyons	1,500	Coats Vyla	498	MEPC	985	Svrn Trent	972
Argyll Gp	2,000	Cm Union	991	Marks Spr	3,700	Shell Trans	5,000
Arjo Wiggn	637	Courtaulds	399	NFC	1,300	Siebe	990
AB Foods	402	De La Rue	49	NatWst Bk	4,500	SmKl Bch	1,300
BAA	1,000	Eastern Elec	824	Nat Power	2,300	Smith Nph	2,000
BAT Inds	30,000	Enterpr Oil	1,700	Nth Wst W	1,100	Sthern Elec	616
BOC	1,000	Forte	4,000	P & O	2,000	Std Chartd	1,300
BP	17,000	GKN	371	Pearson	568	Sun Allnce	3,800
BTR	3,100	GRE	1,100	PowerGen	523	TI Gp	1,500
BT	2,100	GUS	1,200	Prudential	3,300	TSB	4,800
Bk of Scot	4,900	Gen Acc	905	RMC	302	Tesco	3,400
Barclays	3,300	Gen Elec	3,400	RTZ	4,100	Thames W	2,300
Bass	720	Glaxo	3,400	Rank Org	1,300	Thrn EMI	751
Blue Circle	1,400	Granada	1,200	Reckitt Col	474	Tomkins	2,700
Boots	1,800	Grand Met	1,400	Redland	946	Unilever	1,300
Bowater	1,700	Guinness	1,300	Reed Intl	861	Utd Bisc	465
Brit Aero	1,000	HSBC	3,000	Rentokil	941	Vodafone	4,500
Brit Airwys	3,400	Hanson	2,000	Reuters	3,600	Warburg (SG)	790
Brit Gas	6,700	ICI	2,000	Rolls Royce	1,800	Wellcome	1,100
Brit Steel	1,800	Inchcape	853	Ryl Ins	1,500	Whitbread	429
Burmah Cstl	682	Kingfisher	602	Ryl Bk Scot	1,900	Wlms Hld	1,000
Cable Wire	3,500	Ladbroke	1,700	Sainsbury	3,000	Wolseley	304
Cadbury	1,200	Land Secs	837	Scot & New	2,000	Zeneca	690

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3775.83 (+11.35)
S&P Composite .... 459.72 (+1.47)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20271.35 (-178.04)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9683.68 (+200.87)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 412.14 (+3.93)

Sydney: AO .... 2082.1 (+20.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2153.79 (+7.15)

FT 30 share: .... 2405.9 (+16.0)

Brussels:
General .... 7637.61 (+21.16)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2069.58 (-5.41)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... Closed

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1551.22 (+5.48)
FT Non Financials .... 1677.26 (+6.79)
FT Gold Mines .... 234.6 (-4.9)
FT Fixed Interest .... 110.80 (+0.53)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.21 (+0.46)
Bargains 24492
SEAQ Volume 544.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 156.67 (+0.36)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
July 25	August 5	October 27	November 10

Call options were taken out on 1/8/94: Aminex, Bluebird Toys, GUS, Mirror Group, Medeva, Middlesex Group, Premier Cons, Ransomes, Tullow Oil.
Puts & Calls: Aminex, Bluebird Toys, Trafalgar House.

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 94	3090.0	3119.0	3089.0	3108.0	7375
Previous open interest: 57360	Dec 94	3116.5	3116.5	3116.5	3118.5	1
Three Month Sterling	Sep 94	94.10	94.17	93.99	94.08	28127
Previous open interest: 531155	Dec 94	93.41	93.41	93.24	93.30	31820
	Mar 95	92.79	92.83	92.69	92.73	8263
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 94	94.92	94.92	94.90	94.90	175
Previous open interest: 6800	Dec 94				94.26	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 94	95.13	95.16	95.12	95.15	11048
Previous open interest: 793800	Dec 94	95.07	95.14	95.07	95.12	26132
Long Gilt	Sep 94	101-19	102-00	101-03	101-18	47215
Previous open interest: 117805	Dec 94				100-30	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	109.05	109.08	108.93	109.05	1724
	Dec 94	108.17	108.21	108.12	108.18	640
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 94	93.57	93.96	93.44	93.80	77141
Previous open interest: 175453	Dec 94	92.83	93.24	92.83	93.11	4859
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 94				98.47	0
Previous open interest: 76	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU	Sep 94	93.85	93.88	93.83	93.88	1213
Previous open interest: 25268	Dec 94	93.65	93.70	93.65	93.70	459
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 94	95.62	95.65	95.60	95.63	2089
Previous open interest: 45440	Dec 94	95.45	95.47	95.44	95.46	442
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 94	101.10	101.74	100.80	101.40	21591
Previous open interest: 85658	Dec 94				100.15	0

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.0 (day's range 79.0-79.4).

Mkt Rates for Aug 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7180-2.7484	2.7187-2.7230	¼pr-par	¾-½pr
Brussels	49.84-50.43	49.84-49.96	5-1pr	8-2pr
Copenhagen	9.5270-9.6470	9.5270-9.5450	par-½ds	¼-1¼ds
Dublin	1.0040-1.0080	1.0044-1.0075	1pr-2ds	1-7ds
Frankfurt	2.4207-2.4461	2.4207-2.4247	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Lisbon	246.06-248.95	246.06-246.77	108-150ds	349-431ds
Madrid	199.11-201.46	199.11-199.46	46-55ds	112-125ds
Milan	2431.50-2453.00	2436.50-2441.30	6-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.1313-2.1428	2.1313-2.1350	0.01-0.05ds	0.01-0.10ds
New York	1.5360-1.5440	1.5360-1.5375	0.15-0.12pr	0.40-0.33pr
Oslo	10.5620-10.7120	10.5620-10.5810	¾-¼pr	1½-1pr
Paris	8.2820-8.3570	8.2900-8.3070	¼pr-¼ds	½-¼pr
Stockholm	11.8880-11.9980	11.8880-11.9160	1¼-1⅞ds	4⅛-5¼ds
Tokyo	152.00-154.41	152.21-152.52	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	17.01-17.23	17.01-17.06	1½-¾pr	5¼-2¾pr
Zurich	2.0428-2.0750	2.0428-2.0465	¼-½pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5370-1.5396
Australia dollar	2.0892-2.0913
Bahrain dinar	0.5770-0.5890
Brazil real*	1.4349-1.4383
Cyprus pound	0.7385-0.7485
Finland markka	7.9470-8.0630
Greece drachma	364.00-371.00
Hong Kong dollar	11.9005-11.9059
India rupee	48.07-49.01
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4560-0.4660
Malaysia ringgit	3.9951-3.9979
Mexico peso	5.20-5.30
New Zealand dollar	2.5557-2.5587
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7370-5.8630
Singapore dollar	2.3221-2.3237
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1055-7.1279
S Africa rand (com)	5.6090-5.6192
U A E dirham	5.6180-5.7420

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.3561-1.3570
Austria	11.07-11.08
Belgium (Com)	32.41-32.45
Canada	1.3881-1.3886
Denmark	6.1990-6.2040
France	5.3820-5.3840
Germany	1.5750-1.5760
Hong Kong	7.7246-7.7256
Ireland	1.5277-1.5292
Italy	1581.50-1582.00
Japan	98.88-98.93
Malaysia	2.5925-2.5935
Netherlands	1.7676-1.7681
Norway	6.8780-6.8810
Portugal	160.25-160.35
Singapore	1.5073-1.5078
Spain	129.55-129.65
Sweden	7.7433-7.7507
Switzerland	1.3305-1.3315

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ : Finance Hse 5¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 3½ Week fixed: 5
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅜; 3 mth 5⅜. Sell: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¼-5	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	6-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅝-6½
Interbank:	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅝-6½
Overnight: open 5¼, close 3½.					
Local Authority Deps:	5¼	n/a	5¾	6	6½
Sterling CDs:	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅝-6½
Dollar CDs:	4.45	n/a	4.69	5.10	5.64
Building Society CDs:	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅝-6½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 29, 1994. Agreed rates Aug 24, 1994 to Sept 25, 1994 Schemes III: 6.50%. Reference rate July 1, 1994 to July 29, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.246%.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¼-3¾	4¼-4¼	4⅞-4¾	5¼-4⅞	4¼-3¾
Deutschemark:	5-4¾	5-4⅞	5-4¾	5-4⅞	5¼-4¾
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6-5
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4¼-3¾
Yen:	2½-1¾	2¼-1¾	2¼-2¼	2⅝-2½	2½-1¾

Bullion: Open $384.10-384.50 Close: $383.40-383.90 High: $384.10-384.60 Low: $382.75-383.25 Krugerrand: $385.50-387.50 (£251.00-253.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-89.50 (£58.00-60.00) New $87.50-89.50 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $424.25 (£275.20) **Silver:** $5.31 (£3.445) **Palladium:** $152.25 (£98.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	540	59½	—	—	7	—	—
(*582½)	589	25½	—	—	25½	—	—
Argyll	260	23½	32	35½	11	16½	20½
(*270)	280	12½	19½	25½	21½	27	30½
ASDA	50	10½	12½	13½	2	3½	4½
(*59)	60	4	7	8	6½	8	9
Boots	500	46	54	63½	10½	18	23
(*529)	550	17	27	37½	33½	43½	48
Br Airways	390	42½	50½	59	9½	17	22
(*418)	420	24½	33½	43	20	30½	36
BP	390	34½	42	48½	10	15½	19½
(*411½)	420	17½	29½	33	24	29½	34
Br Steel	140	21½	25½	29½	3½	6	8½
(*157)	160	9½	14½	18½	10½	15	17
C & W	420	36	46	56	14½	22½	28
(*435½)	460	16½	27	36	36½	44½	49½
CU	500	54	64	69½	8½	14½	21½
(*547½)	550	22	33½	41½	30	34	40½
ICI	800	54½	74	86½	21½	31	46
(*836½)	850	28½	47½	59½	47	56½	71½
Kingfishr	500	29	42½	53	27½	33	37½
(*501½)	550	11½	21½	32	60½	64½	68½
Land Sec	650	30	39	50	19	27½	30
(*664)	700	9½	17½	27	51½	58	59½
M & S	420	21	29½	37	15½	22	26
(*421)	460	6	13	20	42	46½	49½
Nat West	420	42	53	60	12	15	25½
(*453½)	460	19	30½	38½	31	33½	46
Sainsbury	390	38	45½	53½	14	16½	23
(*412½)	420	20	28½	38	27	33	37
Shell	700	50½	59½	68	13	19	29
(*736½)	750	20	32	40½	37½	44	54
Smkl Bch	390	35	43½	51	12	18½	24½
(*412)	420	18	28	35	26	33½	39
Storehse	220	16	21	25½	9	13	16½
(*224)	240	7	11½	16	21½	24½	28
Trafalgar	80	8	11½	14	6½	8½	9
(*80)	90	5	8	10½	13	15	15½
Unilever	1000	54½	69	83	21½	31½	45½
(*1021)	1050	27½	43½	55½	47	57	71½
Zeneca	700	60	72	81	14	23	35
(*744½)	750	26½	43	57½	36	46	60
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	390	28½	43½	50½	1½	11	16
(*415)	420	6½	25½	33	11	24	32½
Ladbroke	160	13	22	26½	1½	8½	11
(*171)	180	2	11	17½	11	20½	22
Utd Bisc	300	29½	38	43½	1	9	12
(*326½)	330	6½	19½	27	8	23	26

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	950	55	71½	88	25½	38	44½
(*968½)	1000	29	46½	61½	52½	63½	69
Thames W	500	32	39½	47½	17	36	30½
(*510)	550	12½	17½	25½	47	55½	60
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	420	30½	39	49	2½	14½	19
(*446½)	460	3	19	28½	28	36	41
BTR	360	17½	27½	35	2	14	17½
(*374)	390	2	13½	21	18½	30½	37½
Br Aero	500	12	40	55	14	36½	47½
(*500)	550	1½	22	35	52	69½	77½
Br Telcm	360	13½	28	32	3	11½	18½
(*370)	390	1½	13½	17½	22	28	36
Cadbury	420	17½	29½	41	3	14	19
(*433)	460	1	12½	23	29½	40½	42½
Guinness	420	28	39	49½	1½	11	15
(*445½)	460	2½	17	28	18½	30½	34½
GEC	280	6½	19	23½	3½	12	16
(*282½)	300	1½	9	14	19½	24	28
Hanson	260	4½	14	18	4	14	17½
(*260½)	280	1	6½	10½	21½	27	30½
LASMO	134	19	25½	—	1	6	—
(*151)	154	4	12	—	5½	13	—
Lucas	180	17½	24½	27	1	8½	11½
(*195)	200	3½	13½	17	7½	19	22
Pilkingtn	180	15½	21½	26	1½	7	10½
(*193)	200	2½	10½	15½	9½	16½	21
Prudential	300	12	21½	28½	3½	15½	18½
(*307)	330	1½	8½	13	25	34	30½
Redland	500	41½	55	64	1½	16	25
(*537½)	550	5½	26	37½	18½	42	50½
Royal Ins	240	14	24	30	2	12½	15
(*251)	260	3	14	19½	12	23½	26
Tesco	220	19	25½	31	1	7½	11½
(*236½)	240	4½	14½	19½	7	17	20½
Vodafone	180	7	17	21	2½	8½	12½
(*187½)	200	1½	9	13	14½	18½	22½
Williams	354	13	24	—	3	15½	—
(*363)	384	1½	10½	—	23	33	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3097)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Aug	160	117	79	46	25	11
Sep	184	144	108	79	55	36
Oct	201	165	132	102	70	58
Nov	224	187	155	126	101	80
Dec	—	201	—	143	—	98
Puts						
Aug	8	15	27	47	75	113
Sep	26	38	52	73	99	131
Oct	46	59	76	96	123	153
Nov	60	72	92	112	138	166
Dec	—	90	—	130	—	184

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	360	32½	41	48	7	13½	19
(*386½)	390	13½	24	31½	21½	27	34½
Amstrad	30	3½	5	6½	3	4	5
(*30½)	35	2	3½	4½	6	7½	8½
Barclays	550	24½	39	49	22½	31½	41½
(*556)	600	9	18½	28	58½	64	72½
Blue Circ	300	25	32½	40½	11	16	20½
(*314)	330	10½	18½	26	27½	33	37
Br Gas	260	22	25	29½	4½	11	13½
(*274½)	280	9½	13½	18½	13½	22½	24½
Dixons	180	15½	23	27	9½	12½	16
(*185½)	200	6½	14½	18½	20	23½	27
Forte	220	24	28	33	4½	9	12½
(*236½)	240	12½	16½	22½	12½	18½	22
Hillsdwn	160	15	19	23½	4½	7	8
(*170)	180	5½	9½	14	15½	19	20½
Lonrho	130	11½	16½	19½	5	8	11
(*135)	140	5½	11½	14½	10	13½	16½
Sears	110	10½	13	15	3	5½	7
(*116)	120	4½	7½	9½	8	11	12½
Thrn Emi	1000	64½	91½	106½	21	36	51½
(*1035)	1050	35	63½	78	44	60	74½
Tomkins	220	13½	19	25	8½	13	16½
(*222½)	240	5½	11	16	21½	25	28½
TSB	200	12½	18½	22	8	12½	16½
(*206½)	220	4½	11	13	22	25	29
Wellcome	600	65	85½	99	11½	24½	33
(*648)	650	34	56½	70½	31½	47	55½
	Series	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	44½	56	64½	30	39	51
(*572½)	600	19	33	44	61	69	80
HSBC	750	67½	89½	107½	38½	55	78
(*776½)	800	42½	65	84	65	80½	106
Reuter	462½	29½	—	—	22	—	—
(*467½)	475	23½	—	—	27½	—	—
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
R-Royce	180	12	21½	26	1½	8½	12½
(*191)	200	2	12	16½	11½	19½	23
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	130	12	15½	17½	5	9½	12½
(*135½)	140	6½	10½	13	10½	15½	17½
	Series	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastrn Elc	600	40½	68	80	2	16½	26½
(*642½)	650	8½	38	52½	17½	37	48
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	420	36	46½	54½	9	16	20½
(*444)	460	13½	24½	33½	27½	35½	40
Scot Pwr	360	16	27	32	17½	22½	28
(*367)	390	6	15	19	38	41½	46

August 1, 1994 Tot: 31332 Calls: 9852 Puts: 21480 FT-SE Calls: 2505 Puts: 2840
*Underlying security price.

GNI REPORT: LCE coffee made a technical reaction higher on Monday in spite of news that frost had not hit Brazil over the weekend. Along with a technical reaction to recent losses, mild support was derived from Brazil's stock sale of 119,438 bags on Friday, half the expected amount. Lack of demand reflecting the quality of the government stockpile was cited as a supportive influence.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1106-1105	Dec	1166-1164
Dec	1116-1115	Mar	1176-1175
Mar	1131-1130	May	1188-1175
May	1139-1138	Jul	1215-1190
Jul	1146-1144		
Sep	1153-1150	Volume:	3520

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3535-3532	May	3455-3445
Nov	3495-3490	Jul	3450-3440
Jan	3477-3470	Sep	3445-3435
Mar	3460-3455	Volume:	3155

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

Spot: 297.90		May	unq
Oct	11.90-12.00	Jul	
Jan	unq	Oct	
Mar		Jan	
		Volume:	2

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	313.0-11.0
Spot: 343.00		Aug	312.9-10.5
Oct	313.5-12.5	Oct	300.4-98.0
Dec	313.0-12.0	Dec	300.4-96.0
Mar	313.5-11.5	Volume:	478

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	66.58	89.67	114.72
(+/-)	-3.49	-2.19	-1.68
Eng/Wales:	n/a	89.41	114.54
(+/-)		-3.11	-0.73
(%)		-41.0	-24.0
Scotland:		91.27	116.39
(+/-)		+1.87	-0.93
(%)		-56.0	-41.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug			Mar		
Sep			Volume:		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.20
Nov	104.95
Jan	107.15
Mar	108.85
May	110.60
Volume:	213

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.00
Nov	104.70
Jan	106.25
Mar	107.90
May	109.15
Volume:	52

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume:	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	210.0	201.0
May	208.0	235.0
Volume:		223

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Sep 81.75-82.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The worsening situation in Nigeria caused buyers to hit the bids.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.05	+0.55
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.20	+0.60
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.80	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	20.75	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	20.35	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	206 (+5)	210 (+7)
Gasoil EEC	166 (+6)	167 (+6)
Non EEC 1H Sep	167 (+5)	169 (+6)
Non EEC 1H Oct	169 (+5)	171 (+5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	99 (+1)	100 (+1)
Naphtha	174 (+4)	175 (+3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	166.50-66.75	Nov	173.00-73.25
Sep	169.25-69.50	Dec	174.00-75.00
Oct	172.00 SLR	Jan	175.25 SLR
		Vol:	24212

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	19.15-19.19	Dec	18.37 SLR
Oct	18.80 SLR	Jan	unq
Nov	18.54 SLR	Vol:	39879

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	unq	Nov	unq
Sep		Dec	
Oct		Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 94	1458	1423	1458
Sep 94	1430	1413	1430
Oct 94	1443	1435	1443
Jan 95	1445	1440	1448

Vol: 300 lots. Open int'st: 2204 Index 1443 +3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2432.0-2433.0	2436.5-2437.0	1513000
Lead ($/tonne)	587.00-587.50	603.50-604.00	161500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	944.00-945.00	966.00-967.00	387225
Tin ($/tonne)	5200.0-5205.0	5275.0-5280.0	15435
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1455.0-1456.0	1482.0-1483.0	1649400
Nickel ($/tonne)	6130.0-6131.0	6230.0-6235.0	52710

Saddam's tidal wave of oil could sweep Opec away

Iraq is moving towards getting the UN sanctions lifted but the effects on the world's oil markets could be devastating, says Hazhir Teimourian



The economics of North Sea oil would be severely tested if the world price fell below $10 per barrel

Political strikes in Nigeria have pushed the price of a barrel of benchmark Brent crude oil back above $19. But an end to United Nations sanctions against Iraq could set the market awash with cheap oil and eliminate the remaining power of the Organisation for Petroleum Exporting Countries to affect prices.

When, on July 18, the US and Britain stopped Russia, France and China steering the UN Security Council towards lifting sanctions against Iraq, there was only one country that did not hide its relief. Kuwait, whose existence had so ungratefully been assaulted by Saddam Hussein in August 1990, hailed the stance of the Council "in support of right and justice", without specifying precisely what it wanted done before the reigns might be eased on its tormentor.

Kuwait has, of course, much unfinished business with Iraq. It wants its new borders to be recognised and some 700 citizens, held incommunicado in Saddam's prisons, to be freed. It demands to be compensated for the damage inflicted on it, and it hankers after the art treasures stolen from its palaces and museums by Saddam.

But Kuwait's relief was secretly shared by most other members of Opec, the oil cartel, and by numerous Western oil companies and environmentalists. A strong fear grips them all that if Iraq were to resume oil sales, prices might be halved within months to below $10 per barrel. That would plunge many a national budget into crisis and make the plumes of pollution over many a city rise higher into the atmosphere as consumption increased.

It is even predicted that Iraq would cause the death of Opec itself, as its members, desperate to feed their rising populations, flooded the markets with even more cheap oil.

Nor is the fear confined to those with a primary interest in oil. A senior official of the Washington State Department, was unwisely frank enough in Paris recently to say that a resumption of Iraqi oil sales could cause the collapse of the Algerian government in favour of its fundamentalist opponents. The statement confirmed the suspicion of some observers of the Middle East that the United States was not keen on the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, because any replacement government from the opposition would leave it no excuse for shutting out the country's oil from the markets.

But how justified are such fears? Would it not be possible to bring Iraqi oil on stream gradually, so that it might be absorbed into the increasing demand as the recession eased? Expert opinion seems to be divided.

As to whether Saddam Hussein has managed to learn a lesson or two from his blunders of the past four years and toned down his defiance of the Western powers to present a more acceptable face to the world, there is little doubt. He has, we are told, co-operated with United Nations inspectors over the destruction of his chemical weapons stocks and, this week, allowed the inspectors to complete the installation of a nation-wide network of cameras and sensors to detect the test-firing of any long-range missiles. By the time the Security Council comes to examine the sanctions again, in mid-September, the system should be operational.

The Iraqi ruler has not, of course, lifted his economic blockade against the Kurdish region in the north, which is under the protection of the Western allies, and he has continued his programme of destroying the habitat of the Marsh Arabs in the south. But the Security Council Resolution 687 which imposes economic sanctions on him and provides for their removal is not linked to the observance of human rights in the country, even though it was passed on April 3, 1991, at the height of the repression of those two communities. It concentrates solely on the removal of the threat that Saddam Hussein posed to his neighbours.

As a result, European businessmen are now flocking back to Baghdad, apparently encouraged by their governments, and signing contracts in anticipation of September. The Greek socialist government of Andreas Papandreou last week received Tariq Aziz, Saddam's deputy prime minister, with special warmth, and promised loans and "sophisticated construction machinery to rebuild Iraq's infrastructure".

Meanwhile, Mumtaz Soysal, the new Turkish foreign minister, who supports the Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989 in Peking and opposes the Western protection of the Kurds, is expected to try hard for the re-opening of the Iraqi oil pipelines to the Mediterranean coast of Turkey. And this week, an Egyptian trade delegation will visit Baghdad for the first time since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait four years ago.

Saddam's next move is expected to be to recognise the new United Nations demarcation of Kuwait's borders. It will be humiliating for him, for not only he will have been forced to eat his words of Iraq's "19th province", but also because the new lines will give him an even more restricted outlet to the sea. Senior Iraqi officials have hinted that his televised speech of July 17, in which he stressed "our offering of peace and security to the one who needs it" was aimed primarily at Kuwait.

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Should he take such a radical step, the insistence of the United States and Britain on continued sanctions will lose almost all legal credibility. The two Western powers will also play into the hands of those who blame the West, rather than Saddam Hussein, for the economic hardships now being endured by the people of Iraq. Saddam's policy of refusing to sell batches of oil under the supervision of the United Nations in exchange for food and medicines has proved effective.

It is important to point out that it would take a number of years before Iraq could reach its pre-war Opec quota of about 3.5 million barrels per day (bpd). For practical reasons, the process could only start as a trickle, through the two pipelines to the Turkish oil terminal of Yumurtalik. The country's own terminals on the Gulf were largely destroyed during the war with Iran, and it is inconceivable that Saudi Arabia would allow Baghdad to use its pipelines to the Red Sea.

Fadhil Chalabai, director of the London-based Centre for Global Energy Studies, believes that Iraq might be allowed to export 1.5 million bpd to 2 million bpd by the end of next year, almost all of it through the Turkish pipelines. This would more than absorb the expected rise in demand for Opec oil over the period, at present standing at about 25 million bpd.

By contrast, Peter Davis, of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, is optimistic that the entry of Iraq to the market would not overturn the apple cart. Though reluctant to specify any figure for the extra demand, he says that the economies of India and China are making strong recoveries, while Japan and the US are also emerging from the recession. He agrees, however, that any decision to liberate Iraq from the sanctions would immediately depress prices. By how much, however, is anyone's guess.

What is beyond dispute is that the freeing of Iraq would leave no room for the poor discipline of many Opec members in sticking to their quotas. Such is the dire need of some members for extra cash that some cheating must always be expected.

Furthermore, Iraq would want to increase its exports over the foreseeable future. With possibly the second largest reserves in the region, it could easily achieve the production capacity to sell up to 6 million bpd by the end of 1998, according to Dr Chalabi, as compared with Saudi Arabia's exports of 8 million bpd.

While some Gulf countries were forced to sell their oil at about $10 per barrel earlier this year, even without the competition of Iraqi oil, the spectre of a single-digit price for a barrel in the longer-term must be haunting the counsels of many a treasury committee in Opec land.

An even gloomier picture of the future of the organisation is being painted by the Arab Banking Corporation. The Bahrain bank said in its monthly economic bulletin on Monday that the cartel's future was "rather in doubt". It said: "The present marked weakness in oil markets and very low prices have served to weaken Opec as a force in the market", to the extent that the 12-nation organisation "might dissolve itself". Saddam might be robbed of sweet revenge, after all.

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Abbey's insurance policy

ABBEY National's enthusiasm about selling its own general insurance is understandable considering the pressure on its retail banking business. The growth in headline profits may disguise the wounds the bank is suffering in the growing price war in retail financial services, but the evidence is there all the same. Underlying profits in the retail bank fell 10 per cent in the first half, to £340 million.

Put another way, the group suffered a fall in net interest income in spite of expanding its average asset base by £11 billion. Admittedly, some of the squeeze on margins was caused by the rapid growth in low margin treasury assets, but the retail banking environment appears the main culprit.

Nor is the pressure likely to ease. Abbey has been selling mortgages with first-year rates as low as 3 per cent this year, as clear loss leaders. The cost of these will impact the group's income in the second half. The bank's recent initiative to slash overdraft rates will also weigh down its income line.

Little wonder that Abbey's reaction to the price war is to cast around for other sources of income. Both the life assurance and treasury divisions are proving useful sources of alternative income, and the new general insurance joint venture should also begin to contribute, just as the growth of Abbey National Life begins to slow. But Abbey's strategy of cross-selling to its existing customer base can only continue for as long as it has other financial products to sell.

Peter Birch, the chief executive, realises the heat is on, which is why he is determined to reduce the group's cost base. By cutting the cost/income ratio to 40 per cent in three years, he would certainly give Abbey more headroom in any price war against less efficient rivals. But Abbey's cost base is still stratospheric compared with Cheltenham & Gloucester's, so the bank looks as exposed to a Lloyds-inspired price war as any. The shares may look cheap on a prospective p/e ratio of 9, particularly since the dividend looks set to rise more than 20 per cent this year. But the market will remain wary until Abbey shows it can hold its own in the dogfight over the savings and mortgage market.

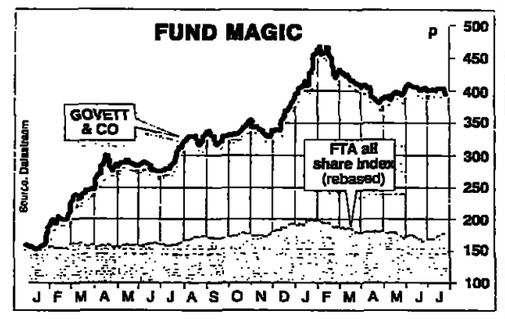
Govett

GOVETT's shares have seen a phenomenal re-rating in the past two years, from a nadir when they traded on a p/e ratio of only 4 and were so shunned by City institutions that the management might well have handed them out at the corner of Leadenhall market. Investors have since come to appreciate the strong growth of the firm's US fund management business, which the group is using to cross-sell products from John Govett, its London subsidiary.

Last year, Govett achieved an ambition by buying a US trust company. This has boosted funds under management to $8.6 billion, but organic growth from other operations seems to have slowed. This is perhaps why the company is so keen to stay on the acquisitions warpath. It is keen to buy another trust company, this time to establish a market among wealthy individuals to sell its existing products. But the company is spreading its net wide, and, with almost $60 million in cash, it has the resources to do it. Other acquisitions could include an institutional fund manager in London.

The group is also acting to kickstart its existing operations, including its new distribution agreements with Charles Schwab, Paine-Webber and Smith Barney and its plan to sell equity products as tax-efficient annuities in the US.

Govett's shares still trade at a modest discount to the fund management sector. That is unlikely to change since Govett's acquisitive ambitions limit growth in the dividend, which rose by only half the rate of earnings in the half-year. Investors must now look elsewhere for a bargain.



Ashtead

IN THE early days of the recession, "operational gearing" were the buzzwords latched on to by tired stockbrokers as they tried to justify the astronomic ratings of bombed-out capital goods companies. Now, much to everyone's astonishment, those rash promises of geometric profit growth are actually coming true as the construction industry picks itself off the floor.

Ashtead, the plant hire group, is a case in point. The company has been able to make a rapid exit from the recession because of the fact it trades at the small, non-operated end of the plant hire market that has recovered faster than the larger end that services the sluggish engineering industry.

As a result, the company managed, with the help of a modest 5 per cent rise in prices, to increase turnover by 29 per cent in the year to April 30, and this has fed through to an impressive 150 per cent rise in profits as margins more than doubled.

The key to success in plant hire is capital utilisation, which is driven by the number of days a year a piece of equipment is rented. In the depths of the recession, Ashtead's equipment was taking more than two years to pay for itself, as the capital turn fell below 50 per cent, and the group was barely profitable. Now the ratio has recovered to 68 per cent and could soon return to its 1980s peak of 80 per cent.

Ashtead's margins also have further recovery potential. In 1989, they reached 30 per cent, compared with only 16 per cent today. As utilisation increases almost every extra pound of revenue will feed into the bottom line.

Ashtead's rights issue last year has left it with net cash, an almost unheard of state of affairs for an asset-intensive leasing business. The cash is rapidly being soaked up into the business through small acquisitions and investment in equipment, but the ungeared balance sheet still leaves the group with the opportunity for further spending of £25 million.

That should allow the company to grab a larger share of the fragmented plant hire market in Britain since its smaller, unquoted rivals do not have such indulgent shareholders and many are still teetering on the brink.

Profits of £10.5 million this year would put the shares on 14 times earnings. Given the amount of operational gearing the company can still exploit, that is not demanding.

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Smalls victory

THERE are still some places in the world where mining chiefs like to invoke the name of St Barbara, the patron of miners, and forbid women to go underground. But if it is good enough for The Queen to go underground, as she did at the Silverwood colliery in Yorkshire some years ago, it is good enough for Beverley Webster, managing director of Webster Machine, the mining equipment firm based in Rotherham, who has just broken two barriers for women. Webster has been elected the first woman president of the Association of British Mining Equipment Companies, whose members last year clocked up £400 million in export orders, and, at 37, is thought to be one of the youngest presidents of any British trade association. Recounting her visits round the world promoting British mining equipment, Webster says she has only once been refused permission to go underground, and that was at the El Teniente copper mine in Chile, even though she went down a Chilean coal mine. And in Zimbabwe she struck her blow for women in mines by seeing off an old-fashioned mining chief who told her that because it was so hot underground, there would be an embarrassing dress situation if she crawled around underground. She insisted on going and "that hurdle was surmounted when the management issued all its workers with new and hole-free underpants," she says.

Dinky blow

THERE is a danger that Meccano-made Dinky Toys could go foreign! A collection of Dinky motor vehicles, trains and accessories put together by Dr Roger Poulet, the British collector, comes under the hammer at Christie's, South Kensington, on September 15. Meccano's Hornby train layouts are also under the hammer, as are "a boxed set of No 1 station staff (£50-£80) and a No 21 mixed goods trains complete with crane (£400-£600)". If these interminable train strikes continue, the lots should be keenly bid.

Polished performer

THE world of diamonds will have a little less sparkle at the end of September when, after a third of a century at De Beers, 30 of them in the corporate communications department where he is manager, Richard Dickson takes early retirement. Already, his first invitation has arrived — to address the December annual dinner of the Association of Mining Analysts at the Honourable Artillery Company, of which he is a veteran member. Urbane, witty, and a fine wine and food guru, Dickson is one the few working for the De Beers empire who invariably sports a diamond tie-pin on grand occasions — a 1 carat yellow which, he hastens to add, does not come from stock. Like most De Beers' personnel, Dickson started his working life in the sorting rooms. But Dickson, being who he is, was far too polished to be hanging around. He says it took him eight months to convince management that he was better at talking about diamonds rather than sorting them. "I once dropped a small box of small diamonds," he confesses, adding that every stone was found. He and Charmian, his wife, will make their home in Scotland.



Webster: breaking barriers

Banana skin

IF MARKS and Spencer is determined to invite Tony Blair, the Labour leader, to lunch, then it should spare him the fate visited upon Helen Liddell, of Kendal, who dashed into her M&S store, grabbed what she thought was a lovely bunch of bananas, thought them rather heavy and overpriced when she reached the checkout, and discovered, on settling down in the office to a mid-morning munch, that she was the proud owner of one of M&S's otherwise lovely plastic fruit and vegetable displays. "Yes, we do have look-a-like fruit displays at our stores, but the glue was obviously not strong enough and they must have slipped down on to the shelves," a spokesperson says.

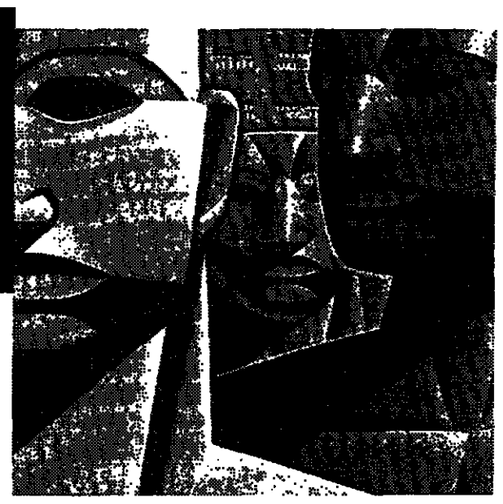
Silver lining

ONE good work deserves another ... Gold Fields Mineral Services, author of the authoritative *Gold* survey that is published in English, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian, has been commissioned by the Silver Institute, based in Washington, to research and compile its 1995 *World Silver Survey*. Kevin Crisp, GFMS's expert covering the Middle and Far East, says GFMS researchers tread many valleys and souks to garnish information on gold, and will now be lending an ear to picking information up silver trends.

EAGLE Star International Life, explaining why it took more than six months to send out valuation statements to annuity policyholders, writes: "The delay ... is a direct result of further enhancements to the underlying production system." Needless to add: "We apologise for any inconvenience this delay has caused."

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131 105 Reliance Sec 128 ... ... 4.7 ...
279 199½ Rentokil 239 -2 ... 1.5 24.6
363 295 Rolfe & Nolan 348 ... ... 2.9 27.1
392 243 Salvesen (C) 287 ... ... 3.5 15.0
59 42 Scott Pickford 46 ... 0.8 2.2 14.7
17 9 Select Apps 13 ... ...
307 243 Serco Gp 290 ... ... 1.5 36.4
129 75 Sherwd Cmpt 104 ... ... 2.1 ...
130 100 Sketchley 105 ... ... 3.8 16.4
339 325 Warner Howrd 330 ... ... 2.8 15.7
39 20½ Wills Gp 20½ 2.5 14.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

298 231 Allied Colloids 276 ... ... 2.1 22.2
1141 910 Amersham 1036 -3 ... 1.9 21.7
3½ 2½ Anglo Utd 2½ ... ...
£150½ £106½ BASF DM £132½ +47½ ... 7.2 ...
373 285 BTP 307 ... ... 4.1 19.4
£159½ £125½ Bayer DM50 £150½ +32½ ... 0.0 ...
171 97 Blagden 126 ... ... 1.5 58.9
131 99 Brent Chems 115 ... ... 4.3 ...
460 311½ Br Bio-Tech 399 ... ...
13 9 Cabl Gp 7½ 21.5
199 153 Canning (W) 197 ... ... 4.7 32.6
550 457 Courtaulds 528 ... ... 3.5 42.6
394 257 Croda 301 +1 ... 2.9 18.4
133 95 Doefler 95 ... ... 6.1 10.8
292 225 Ellis & Everard 269 ... ... 3.5 ...
59 35½ Euro Colour 57½ 2.6 19.8
360 337 Halstead (J) 358 -2 ... 2.4 16.7
223 160 Hickson 166 +1 ... 6.0 16.0
£145½ £105½ Hoechst £141½ +19½ ... 5.3 ...
234 153½ Holiday Chem 222 ... ... 2.3 17.7
954 729 ICI 857 +2 ... 4.2 66.8
443 304 Laporte 379 +7 ... 3.3 21.1
249 193 Leigh 218 ... ... 4.6 19.5
76 48 MTM 71 ... ...
2421½ 1912½ Norsk Hydro 2412½ +9½ ... 1.4 ...
625 461 Paterson Zoch 497 ... ... 3.2 13.1
595 416 -do- 'A' 482 ... ... 3.3 12.7
250 190 Plysu 190 ... ... 4.6 27.2

DRAPERY, STORES

(preceded by: 340 265 Porvair 304 ... ... 1.7 22.8; 66 44 Sutcliffe Speak 45 ... ... 1.4 28.4; 490 361 Wardle Storeys 361 ... ... 6.0 18.9; 723 570 Wolstnhlme R 723 +20 ... 3.1 18.1; 483 380 Yorks Chem 392 -1 ... 2.6 18.6; 336 258 Yule Cato 294 +2 ... 2.7 22.3; 869 672 Zeneca 745 -1½ ... 4.6 15.0)

248 203 Alders 219 -1 ... 3.5 10.3
410 330 Argos Plc 386 -2 ... 2.8 19.1
102 54½ Ashley (Laura) 60 ... ... 0.2 ...
357 300 Asprey 314 ... ... 2.4 15.5
231 176 Austin Reed 230 ... ... 3.0 12.9
168 142 Beattie (J) 'A' 142 ... ... 5.5 15.3
150 110 Bentalls 119 +3 ... 2.1 44.8
165 73 Beterware 74 ... ... 4.4 8.0
48 36 Blacks Leis 48 +1 ... 0.0 ...
264 214 Body Shop 236 ... ... 1.1 22.2
601 504 Boots 529 +3 ... 3.5 20.9
12½ 2½ Brown & Jackson 3½ ... ...
245½ 210 Brown (N) 242 ... ... 2.1 23.2
74½ 51 Burton 56½ ... ... 4.4 ...
178 156 CPL Aromas 176 ... ... 2.1 16.8
245 180 Canons 187 ... ... 2.7 26.0
520 388 Church 477 +3 ... 3.4 27.1
171 96 Clinton Cards 96 ... ... 6.1 8.3
287 200 Coats Viyella 213 +2 ... 4.7 16.6
170 145 City Casuals 145 ... ... 3.7 14.8
903 740 Courts Furnish 770 +2 ... 1.0 39.0
210 155 Crown Eyes 165 ... 7.5 5.7 11.3
137 81½ Dairy Farm Intl 94½ +3 ... 3.9 12.9
136½ 97½ Dewhirst (IJ) 130½ 1.4 23.7
287 170 Dixons Grp 186 -3 ... 4.4 24.0
11½ 7½ ERA Gp 8½ ... ...
11½ 4½ Eclipse Blinds 4½ ... ... 4.9 ...
580 530 Elys (Wimbldn) 580 ... 17.0 3.7 ...
284 191 Essex Furn 204 ... ... 2.3 32.6
275 217 Etam 275 +2 ... 3.4 19.5
558 494 Fine Art Dev 515 ... 14.3 3.5 15.9
50 46 Fired Earth 48 ... ...
725 680 Forminster 725 ... ... 2.8 ...
187 124 French Conn 185 ... ... 10.4
73 55 Gent SR 55 -1 ... 5.1 17.1
116 85 Goldsmiths Gp 108 ... ... 1.3 19.4
653 549½ GUS 579 +1 ... 2.9 16.8
196 164 Hamleys 183 ... ... 3.2 17.6
31 21 Hampden Grp 22 ... ... 5.7 ...
31 16 Harrstone 21 +3½ ... 2.3 ...
110 55 Heritage 55 ... ...
91 64 Honeysuckle 73 ... ... 4.3 10.7
216½ 178 Hse of Fraser 216 +4 ... 2.9 19.4
211 173 Jacques Vert 191 ... ... 3.0 16.6
778 477 Kingfisher 502 -1 ... 3.7 12.3
88 61 Leslie Wise Gp 67 ... ... 7.7 13.7
435 350 Liberty 400 ... ... 1.5 49.2
390 277 Lloyds Chem 318 +3 ... 3.1 10.5
184 137 MFI 143½ -1 ... 3.6 18.2
469½ 380 Marks Spencer 421 -½ ... 2.7 19.6
680 554 Menzies (John) 570 ... ... 2.6 13.8
343 238 Moss Bros 327 ... ... 2.7 15.9
261 214 Next 256 ... ... 2.7 19.0
70 39 Oliver (G) 67 ... ... 72.1
335 255 Oriflame Intl 265 ... ... 5.0 ...
37 22½ Pentos 25 ... ...
268 169 QS Hldgs 170 ... ... 3.8 20.0
62 25 Rhino Grp 31 ... ... 2.0 11.2
209 157½ Roseby's 159 ... ... 3.7 18.0
180 113 Sherwood Gp 116 ... ... 3.1 11.5
132 110 Sears 116 +1 ... 4.0 19.7
46 23½ Signet Group 31 ... ... 15.7
549 450 Smith WH 452 -7 ... 4.1 14.6
21 11 Specialeyes 13 ... ...
252 205 Storehouse 224 +½ ... 3.1 19.9
198 146 T & S Stores 173 ... ... 4.4 12.9
173 126 Tie Rack 136 ... ... 1.6 16.2
265 215 Time Products 223 ... ... 4.8 17.3
132 105 Usher (Frank) 106 ... 6.0 7.1 11.5
478 384 Vendome 476 +1 ... 1.5 ...
44 34 Viyai 36 ... ... 4.3 9.3
70 34 WEW Group 35 -1 ... 2.1 25.8
79 42 Wensum 78 ... ... 3.2 27.5
129 92 Wickes 96 ... ... 1.3 21.0
91 54 Wild of Leathers 91 ... ...
195 140 Wyevale 140 ... ... 3.9 14.8

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187 109 ACT Group 117 -3 ... 5.6 10.9
296 248 Acal 273 ... ... 3.1 17.1
613 478 Admiral 613 ... ... 1.4 22.5
190 163 Alba 185 ... ... 3.5 15.0
43 34 Alphameric 39 ... ...
50 26 Amstrad 30½ +½ ... 2.0 ...
105 73 App Holo 96 ... ...
39 24 Arlen 28 ... ...
94½ 78 Astec 85½ 1.1 21.2
281 213 Azlan 213 ... ... 1.8 ...
283 239 Beales Hunter 259 ... ... 4.6 16.0
478 378 BICC 404 +2 ... 6.0 29.6
535 411 Blick 425 ... ... 3.1 17.1
1100 637½ Borland 787½ ... ...
380 305½ Bowthorpe 312 ... ... 2.8 17.4
486 352½ BT 370 +1 ... 5.6 12.9
367 236½ BT P/P 251 +1 ... 5.6 12.9
20 14½ Bulgin (AF) 'A' 18 +1½ ... 1.7 13.3
79 55 Burnfield 63 ... ... 5.0 49.0
543 394 Cable Wireless 436 +6½ ... 2.2 18.5
39½ 24 Chloride 30½ ... ...
283 263 CML Micro 268 ... ... 2.8 ...
182 105 Comptr People 174 ... ... 1.1 39.6
202 154 Cray Elect 180 -1 ... 1.6 ...
447 412 Critchley 433 ... ... 2.3 19.4
586 473 Delta 504 ... ... 3.6 22.4
663 446 Denmans Ele 585 ... ... 1.4 16.3
538 400 Domino 518 +1 ... 2.1 22.3
78 68 Dowding Mills 72 +2 ... 4.4 24.2
1635 1220 Druck 1488 ... ... 0.9 ...
580 463 Electrocomponts 489 +1 ... 2.4 21.3
199½ 135 El Dans Prc 138 ... ... 1.7 12.8
175 133 Electron House 155 ... ... 2.6 ...
35 21 Emess 32½ -½ ... 0.4 ...
451 343 Eurotherm 399 -4 ... 1.6 23.6
212 162½ FKI 184 -2 ... 2.5 22.4
656 512 Farnell Elec 530½ +1½ ... 1.7 21.8
336 296 First Tech 300 ... ... 1.3 ...
283 215 Forward Gp 225 ... ... 2.8 13.5
50 14½ Forward Tech 20 ... ... 0.7 ...
353½ 269½ GEC 282½ +1½ ... 4.8 14.3
191 119 Graseby 135 +3 ... 6.1 12.5
14½ 10 Graystone 13½ ... ... 0.9 ...
193 127 Ind Control 127 -4 ... 4.5 11.3
388 268 Jones Stroud 313 ... ... 3.7 ...
143 99 Kalamazoo 133 ... ... 3.1 ...
14½ 9 Kembrey 12 ... 0.1 1.6 ...
396 335 Kenwood App 363 +2 ... 3.1 17.4
298 221 Kewill Sys 280 ... ... 2.3 ...
165 75 Kode 78 ... ... 9.6 11.2
35 19 Laser-Scan 22 ... ...
143½ 68 LBMS 92 +1 ... ...
355 255 Lec Refrig 355 ... ... 3.2 ...
171 107 Life Sciences 130 -1 ... 3.8 13.7
314 256 Logica 286 -2 ... 1.8 33.0
52 46 LPA Ind 46 ... ... 4.3 ...
216 135 MR Data Mngmt 143 ... ... 4.8 15.9
723 553 Macro 4 553 -2 ... 4.4 16.6
281 210 Memec 236 -1 ... 2.2 ...
1320 795 Micro Focus 978 -2 ... 9.4 ...
178 126 Microgen 129 ... ... 7.0 12.9
44 31 Microvitec 40½ ... ...
569½ 439 Misys 441 +1 ... 2.3 ...
494 185 Mitel 226 -11 ... ...
188 143 MMT Compo 176 ... ... 3.0 14.0
315 250 MTL Instr 309 ... ... 1.7 20.0
148 114 Murray Est 122 ... ... 2.1 ...
2746½ 2300 NYNEX 2462½ -3½ ... ...
128 83 Neoronics 83 ... ... 3.9 18.0
56 52 Newmark (L) 56 ... ...
415 279 Norbain 400 ... ... 0.7 ...
83 47 Northamber 83 ... ... 1.2 ...
9½ 4½ Oceonics 6 ... ...
31 24 Orbis 24 ... 0.5 2.7 ...
358 277 Oxford Inst 292 ... ... 2.1 17.0
87 62 P & P 72 ... ... 3.9 17.3
98 74½ Peek 82 +1½ ... 5.2 14.0
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2037½ 1400 -do- Lmp nv 2034½ +43½ ... 0.9 9.2
440 236 Phonelink 275 +3 ... ...
342 293 Pilco 342 ... ... 1.6 28.7
330 283 -do- 'A' Voting 327 ... ... 1.6 27.4
123 78 Plasmec 123 ... ... 2.6 ...
121 100 Pressac 114 ... ... 2.8 23.3
303 181 Psion 255 ... ... 1.4 27.9
258 187 Racal Elect 255 -2 ... 2.1 21.0
50 33 Radamec 45 ... ... 4.7 13.6
41 27 Radius 36 ... ... 1.4 ...
145 73 Real Time 145 ... ... 3.5 ...
311 229 Roxboro 266 -1 ... 0.9 19.4
610 507 Sage Gp 575 +2 ... 2.2 15.5
94 77½ Sanderson Elec 90 ... ... 4.0 ...
89 25 Scantronic 28 +3 3.1 14.2 7.7
254 162 Scholes Grp 254 +6 ... 2.5 26.4
421 310 Sema Gp 421 +4 ... 0.9 25.4
270 245 Servomex 245 ... ... 3.3 27.5
49 37 Silvermines 37 ... ... 1.8 22.0
94 63 Soundtracks 66 ... ... 4.4 15.4
3225 2365½ TDK 2793½ -6½ ... 1.2 ...
19 11 TDS Circuits 12½ ... ...
170 83 Telemetrix 83 -1 ... 1.5 9.2
295 191 Telspec 275 ... ... 1.1 33.2
1165 979 THORN EMI 1035 +5 ... 4.1 21.1
201 133 Thorpe FW 201 ... ... 1.8 18.0
43 22 Total Systems 25 ... ... 7.5 ...
303 215 Tunstall 215 -2 ... 2.1 15.4
353 256 Unitech 353 -4 ... 2.4 ...
16 8½ Verity 10 ... ...
31 21½ Vistec 24½ 2.0 13.3
212 157½ Vodafone 187 +2½ ... 1.9 24.4
483 395 Volex 431 ... ... 5.4 18.4
31 20 Western Selectn 26 ... 0.2 1.2 ...
335 260 Wholesale Ftgs 267 ... 11.7 5.5 28.4

ELECTRICITY

717 537 East Midlands 618 -8 ... 4.6 48.8
725½ 566 Eastern Elect 643 -3 ... 4.5 14.1
477 322 Hydro-Elect 362 -7 ... 4.5 11.2
737½ 534 London Elect 586 -13 ... 4.8 9.0
850 635 Manweb 708 -10 ... 4.3 8.5
767 547 Midlands Elec 654 -4 ... 4.4 10.0
505 404½ National Powr 444 -3 ... 3.5 11.0
801 589 Northern Elec 681 -6 ... 4.6 8.5
421 320 Nthn Ireland 343 -6 ... 4.2 9.3
806 567 Norweb 671 -3 ... 4.3 8.8
582 449 PowerGen 509 -1 ... 3.1 11.2
486 337½ Scottish Power 367 -6½ ... 4.3 11.3
435 299 Seeboard 349 -6 ... 6.2 9.2
825 591 Sth Wales 671 -4 ... 4.8 9.1
741 551 Sth Western 634 -8 ... 4.6 8.4
745½ 540 Southern Elec 639 -7 ... 4.4 10.0
729½ 532 Yorkshire Elec 621 -6 ... 4.7 12.1

FINANCE, LAND

57 51 Aitken Hume 51 ... 1.0 2.5 10.8
165 99 BWD 101 ... ... 5.2 9.1
118 96 Baltic Plc 115 +1 ... 1.6 12.8
215 165 Boxes Inv 166 -1 ... ...
757 623 Caledonia 720 ... ... 2.8 17.8
2600 1900 Camellia 2550 ... ... 1.5 6.8
363 310 Candover 318 ... ... 4.3 ...
465 367 Goven 395 +1 ... 4.8 6.4
250 185 Ivory Sime 227 +1 ... 4.1 ...
428 175 Johnson Fry 185 ... 1.5 1.0 ...
245 148 Lon Forfaiting 148 ... ... 7.9 9.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

(preceded by: 57 44 Manakin 48; 29½ 8½ Nat Home Loan 17½ -¼ ... ... 0.4; 58 53 Newmarket 58; 365 247 Rathbone Bro 270 +1 ... 3.5 14.1; 29 21½ Rutland Tst 24 ... ... 4.5 12.2; 363½ 281½ S & U 331 ... ... 3.9 10.8; 114 82 Singer & Fried 88 ... ... 4.3 11.3; 1260 788 Sotheby's 840 ... ... 3.3 36.3; 188 131 SJP Capital 155 ... ... 2.4 9.6; 224 179½ Towry Law 179½ 3.2 17.6)

2015½ 1628½ Amer Express 1712½ -8½ ... ...
154 131 Brewin Dolphin 151 ... ... 4.8 11.1
220 157 Gartmore 175 ... ... 2.9 20.2
1208 845 Henderson Ad 915 -3 ... 6.0 14.5
251½ 152 Invesco 178 ... ... 2.5 29.2
317 214½ Jardine Strat 247½ +4½ ... 3.3 10.1
323 247 MAI 272 -3 ... 3.2 14.8
117½ 95½ MAI 5.9% Cv Pf 104 -½ ... ...
770 538 MAM 608 ... ... 4.6 14.2
1243 794 M & G 920 -1 ... 3.8 19.5
496 342 Smith New Ct 382 ... ... 3.3 3.4
65 25 Trio Hldgs 30 ... ... 6.2 13.6

FOODS

607 499 AB Food 573 +10 ... 3.3 11.2
66 50½ ASDA Group 59½ +2 ... 3.8 12.3
368 205 Acatos & Hutch 283 ... ... 3.8 11.3
74 44 Albert Fisher 48 +1 ... 9.8 10.6
306½ 222½ Argyll 270 +3 ... 3.3 11.8
270 220 Banks (S C) 265 ... ... 4.7 ...
358 305 Barr (AG) 354 ... ... 2.4 22.8
72 56 Bensons Crisps 58 ... ... 6.1 19.2
481 378 Booker 413 +1 ... 6.6 14.7
56½ 48 Borthwick 53½ 3.0 22.0
505 429 Brake Bros 429 ... ... 2.0 15.9
43 24 Budgen 31 ... ... 4.1 ...
545 407 Cadbury-Schw 433 +1 ... 4.2 14.7
232 143 Carrs Milling 181 ... ... 3.1 ...
167 130 Cranswick 157 ... ... 6.6 13.1
17 11½ Cullens 13½ ... ...
154 90 Dalepak 118 -10 ... 1.6 ...
543 389 Dalgety 440 -1 ... 5.9 12.8
87 50 Daniels S 57 ... ... 0.7 ...
294 219 Devro 234 ... ... 3.3 15.8
101 60 Everest 63 ... ... 7.5 11.8
394 380 Farepak 350 ... ... 2.4 ...
8½ 6 Farringford 6 ... ...
85 68 Finlay (James) 76 ... ... 6.8 14.2
105 87 Fyffes 96 ... ... 1.8 16.4
371 193 Geest 257 ... 8.1 3.9 ...
20½ 14 Global 17 ... ... 3.7 15.5
68 39 Grand Central 39 ... ...
194 119 Hazlewood Fds 121 ... ... 6.9 7.4
196½ 151 Hillsdown 170 ... ... 6.5 13.6
28 16 Hobson 21½ ... ...
211 133 Iceland Group 153 -1 ... 3.1 9.8
111 93 JLI Group 96 ... ... 6.2 ...
656 523 Kwik Save 564 ... ... 4.1 9.8
340 138 Low (Wm) 340 +17 ... 3.1 11.3
117 85 Matthews (B) 111 ... ... 2.8 17.7
18 10½ Merchant Retail 11½ +1 ... 2.2 ...
141 99 Morrison (W) 139 -½ ... 0.9 16.2
246 205 Nichols (JN) 211 ... ... 3.4 14.1
227½ 197 Nthn Foods 207 +2 ... 5.3 10.1
14 9 Nrthmbrn Fn 12 ... ...
232 180 Nurdin Peack 195 ... ... 4.2 10.8
131 89½ Park Foods 117 ... ... 2.6 ...
81 62 Perkins Food 62 ... ... 9.0 10.4
141 109 PizzaExpress 122 ... ... 0.5 25.8
5½ 2½ Regina Rhlth 2½ ... ...
480 342 Sainsbury J 412 +4½ ... 3.2 14.6
96 73 Sentry Farms 76 ... ... 3.7 7.7
122 71 Sims Food 93 ... ... 10.7 ...
467½ 392 Tate & Lyle 435 +7½ ... 3.8 10.8
254 200½ Tesco 236½ -3 ... 4.1 12.3
198 162 Thorntons 179 ... ... 2.7 ...
238 145 Tresco 234 ... ... 2.2 19.0
434½ 346 Unigate 366 +5 ... 5.0 10.3
388 302 Utd Biscuits 327 +1½ ... 5.8 13.9
21 9 Usborne 9 -½ ... 4.6 6.6
422 279 Watson & Phil 364 ... ... 5.0 14.7
49 34 West Trust 36 ... ... 9.3 23.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

34 26 Abrdn Stk H 34 ... ...
94 77 City Centre Rest 77 ... ... 2.9 17.0
285 209½ Forte 237 +5½ ... 4.0 36.9
207 169 Friendly Hotels 169 ... ... 4.2 29.4
168½ 142½ Jurys Hotel 147½ +1½ ... 4.7 ...
217½ 153 Ladbroke 172 +3 ... 4.4 25.3
109½ 79½ Mandarin Orntl 85½ -½ ... 3.8 21.9
31 18½ Ryan Hotels E 27½ 4.7 15.7
1135 750 Savoy Hotel 'A' 958 ... ... 0.5 ...
92 60½ Stakis 89 ... ... 1.7 32.1

INDUSTRIALS

66 36 AAF Inds 45 +1 ... ...
544 413 AAH 414 -4 ... 5.4 14.7
185 119 AIM 127 -1 ... 4.4 ...
138 108 APV 111 +2 ... 6.1 ...
220 157 ASW 209 +2 ... 3.6 ...
202 158 Adwest 176 ... ... 5.2 18.9
20½ 14 Aerospace Eng 15½ +½ ... 6.0 75.5
312 223 Airsprung 231 ... ... 2.6 ...
230 192 Alenda W 208 ... ... 3.4 22.1
11½ 5½ Allied Radio 6 ... ...
330 283 Alumasc 319 ... ... 2.4 17.8
73 39 Alvis 56 +1 ... 2.2 38.9
755 705 Amber Ind 738 ... ... 3.4 15.3
65½ 43½ Amberley Gp 55 +2 ... 2.3 ...
81 43 Anagen 47 ... ...
95 50 Andrews Sykes 50 -10 ... 7.5 ...
363 199½ Antofagasta 333 -5 ... 1.3 26.9
62 43 Armour 50½ 4.1 11.8
175 168 Ash & Lacy 171 ... ... 4.7 20.7
6 3½ Ass Br Eng 4½ 1.5 54.9
639 474 Avon Rubber 610 ... ... 3.4 26.5
297½ 249 Assoc Nursg 251 ... ... 1.0 ...
553 490 Atlas Equip 533 ... ... 5.2 18.5
96 66 Ayrshire Metal 96 ... 1.5 2.0 ...
236 180 BBA 208 ... ... 4.5 ...
163 115 BLP Group 160 -3 ... 0.8 43.9
44 24½ BM Gp 39½ ... ...
751 627 BOC 749 +2 ... 3.9 31.6
86½ 60½ BSG 70 +½ ... 5.7 43.8
575 495 BSS Group 519 +6 ... 4.3 23.7
401 344 BTR 374 +9½ ... 4.1 19.4
176 138 BWI 149 ... ... 5.0 18.8
40½ 26½ Babcock 32½ -½ ... ...
11 6½ Bailey (CH) 7½ ... ...
270 216 Baird (Wm) 233 ... ... 4.8 18.6
569½ 369½ Barlow 468½ ... ... 0.7 ...
81 64 Baynes (Charles) 75 ... ... 2.8 20.5
25½ 17 Bearing Power 17½ 5.4 11.1
95 23 Beauford 24 ... ...
35 28 Bedford (W) 31 ... ...
18½ 12 Benson Group 15 ... ... 2.5 11.4
393 243 Bespak 243 ... ... 5.2 ...
91 49 Bibby (J) 55 ... ... 4.5 ...
226 145 Billam (J) 145 ... ... 4.6 9.0
38 26 Bilston Btrsea 37 ... ...
10 3½ Bimec Ind 6½ ... ...
283 243 Birkby 271 ... ... 2.8 ...
44 30 Black Arrow 42 ... ... 8.1 ...
283 233 Black (Peter) 268 ... 3.8 1.8 21.0
220 135½ Bluebird Toys 205 +5 ... 4.6 8.7
329 262 Bodycote 291 -1 ... 2.3 20.7
40 31 Bogod 'A' 31 ... ... 2.9 ...
69 43 Booth Inds 68 ... ...
28½ 17 Boustead 27 ... ... 3.7 ...
524 409 Bowater 442 +5 ... 3.5 16.6
1798½ 1378½ Bowater Inc 1746½ -3½ ... ...
297 252 Boxmore Inds 270 ... ... 1.9 17.2
20 15 Brasway 17 ... ... 4.0 ...
348 298 Brammer 331 +1 ... 4.9 21.5
31 19 Bridgend Gp 20 ... ... 1.2 ...
165 120 Bridon 162 ... ... 3.1 ...
85 74 Bridport-Gndry 85 ... ... 3.3 ...
57½ 44½ Brierley Inv 47½ +½ ... 9.1 9.2
235 190 Br Bldg & Eng 195 ... ... 5.1 16.4
124 87 Br Bloodstock 89 +2 ... ...
515 435 Br Polythene 445 -1 ... 3.2 15.6
162 121½ Br Steel 157 +½ ... 1.6 58.1
176 114 Br Thornton 114 ... ... 6.6 ...
309 233 Br Vita 267 -4 ... 3.5 22.4
180½ 136½ Britton Grp 154 -1 ... 2.0 22.7
931½ 773½ Broken Hill 886½ -3½ ... 2.2 38.1
125 86½ Bromsgrve Ind 93 ... ... 6.0 ...
18½ 9½ Brooke Tool 14½ ... ...
71 46 Brown & Tawse 49 +2 ... ...
186 135 Bullough 154 -1½ ... 4.9 25.3
16 8 Business Tech 9½ ... ...
22 14 CI Group 15 -1 ... 4.2 61.2
54 31 Campbll & Arm 37 ... ...
39 26 Cannon St 26½ 10.1
488 408 Cantab Pharms 410 ... ...
278 254 Cape 262 ... ... 5.2 16.6
455 278 Caradon 300 -6 ... 3.7 22.5
215½ 139½ -do- pf 146½ -2 7.2 6.2 ...
293 252 Carclo Eng 252 -1 ... 4.5 16.5
10 6 Care UK 8½ +½ ... ...
2446½ 1890½ Carnaud Mtl 2125 +28½ ... 2.3 16.3
104 80 Cassidy Bros 84 ... ... 4.1 10.8
270 230 Castings 270 +2 ... 2.4 ...
66 32½ Cathay Intl 36 ... ...
233 191 Celltech 210 ... ...
230 155 Chamberlin Hill 155 ... ... 5.2 9.9
179½ 136½ Charter 139 ... ... 3.8 21.0
380 273 Chemring 299 ... ... 3.9 15.8
62 46 Chieftain Gp 58 ... ... 7.7 11.4
246 152 Christies Int 177 ... ... 1.4 31.3
80 60 Clayhithe 67 +1 ... 4.9 ...
688 403 Cohen (A) 505 ... 3.4 0.8 ...
252 232 Community H 232 ... ... 3.9 13.2
363 266 Concentric 310 ... ... 3.5 17.4
310 240 Cook (Wm) 274 -3 ... 3.5 12.9
285 227 Cookson 261 -1 ... 3.8 28.1
110 81 Copyrmore 105 ... ... 4.0 14.9
167 146 Crwll Plr 'A' 148 -1 ... 4.9 20.0
157 109 Cosalt 130 ... ... 6.0 ...
285 215 Creighton Nt 220 ... ... 4.4 ...
44 31 Crestacare 34 +1 ... 2.8 ...
2062½ 18½ Dana 1956½ +18½ ... ...
388 305 Danka Bs Sys 334 +4 ... 0.6 28.5
296 220 David Brown 235 ... ... 3.4 16.0
1021 825 De La Rue 960 -1 ... 2.6 20.6
62 36½ Denide Fleet 38 ... ... 4.6 9.9
628 460½ Diploma 486 ... ... 3.2 19.5
97 70 Dobson Park 80 ... ... 5.9 15.8
134 102 Dyson (J&J) 112 ... 5.0 5.6 20.6
97 78 -do- 'A' 90 ... ... 5.0 ...
16 13 EFG 14½ ... 0.1 0.9 9.5
442 364 EIS 364 -5 ... 4.2 14.6
25 15 Elbief 19 +1 ... ...

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INSURANCE

1493½ 937½ Alex & Alex 1278 -18½ ... 5.2 ...
2043½ 1693½ Am Gen 1850 -56½ ... 4.1 ...
86 50½ Archer 53 ... ... 2.4 ...
165 89 Bradstock 94 +3 ... 7.5 10.6
550 370 Britannic 420 -2 ... 3.8 ...
117 90 CLM Insce 90 +1½ 1.4 2.0 ...
711 488 Com Union 548 -2 ... 5.7 15.6
1950 1675 Dom & Gen 1798 -10 ... 1.7 23.8
84 33 FAI 39 -2 ... 1.3 ...
194 144 Fenchurch Grp 152 +1 ... 5.9 13.6
757 533 Gen Accident 609 +3 ... 5.6 12.3
247 161 GRE 187 -1 ... 5.1 2.5
457 288 Heath C E 302 +2 ... 6.6 ...
323 243 Independent Ins 243 ... ... 4.2 6.9
200 128½ JIB Group 143 +1 ... 6.6 13.0
547 407 Legal & Gen 448 -6 ... 5.6 15.0
1390½ 975 Liberty Life 1268½ -18½ ... 8.4 4.8
119 93 LIMIT 95½ ... ... 1.3 ...
471 322 Lloyds Abbey 361 -3 ... 6.5 10.7
310 166 Lloyd Thomp 171 +3 7.1 5.2 10.6
166 159 Lombard Ins 166 ... ... 5.8 9.6
443 313 Londn & Man 330 ... ... 5.9 16.4
472 380 Lowndes Lmb 383 +4 ... 4.9 12.1
5893½ 5337½ Marsh McLn 5512½ -50 ... 3.5 ...
188 147 Nelson Hurst 156 -1 ... 4.5 15.6
129½ 109 Oriel 116 ... ... 5.4 ...
83 38 PWS 38 -2 ... 9.9 ...
385 271 Prudential 308 +2 ... 5.4 14.7
404 261 Refuge 278 ... ... 5.1 20.5
372 232½ Royal 251 +1 ... 3.7 11.4
222 157 Sedgwick 167 ... ... 4.5 18.8
155 105 Steel Burrill 117 +1 ... 9.6 ...
87 34 Sturge Hldgs 60 -1 ... 6.2 72.2
418 285 Sun Alliance 322 -9 ... 5.7 14.7
96 51 Trade Indemnty 59 ... ... 1.1 13.1

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

104½ 100½ Exch 12¼% 1994 100½ ... 12.42 4.91
103½ 100½ Treas 9% 1994 100½ ... 8.92 5.62
107½ 102½ Treas 12% 1995 102½ ... 11.66 5.60
98½ 97½ Gas 3% 1990-95 98½ ... 3.05 5.33
107½ 103½ Exch 10¼% 1995 103½ ... 9.89 6.35
113½ 107½ Treas 12¾% 1995 107½ -½ 11.87 6.67
117½ 109½ Treas 14% 1996 109½ ... 12.75 6.90
121½ 113 Treas 15¼% 1996 113½ +½ 13.48 7.16
117½ 109½ Exch 13¼% 1996 109½ +½ 12.05 7.22
112½ 104½ Conv 10% 1996 105 +½ 9.52 7.57
121½ 111½ Treas 13¼% 1997 112½ +½ 11.79 7.68
114½ 105½ Exch 10½% 1997 106½ ... 9.89 7.82
110½ 101½ Treas 8¾% 1997 102½ +½ 8.57 7.98
131½ 118½ Exch 15% 1997 119½ +½ 12.57 8.07
114½ 104½ Exch 9¾% 1998 104½ +½ 9.32 8.18
106½ 96½ Treas 7¼% 1998 97½ +½ 7.46 8.15
102 94½ Treas 6¾% 1995-98 95½ +½ 7.07 8.19
131½ 117½ Treas 14% 1998-01 117½ +½ 11.88 8.42
140½ 124½ Treas 15½% 1998 125½ +½ 12.38 8.22
125½ 112½ Exch 12% 1998 112½ -½ 10.65 8.42
116½ 103½ Treas 9½% 1999 104½ +½ 9.12 8.39

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

101½ 89½ Treas 6% 1999 90½ +½ 6.60 8.25
128½ 113½ Exch 12¼% 1999 114½ +½ 10.73 8.52
121½ 106½ Treas 10½% 1999 107½ +½ 9.74 8.48
121½ 105½ Conv 10¼% 1999 107½ +½ 9.57 8.55
116½ 101½ Conv 9% 2000 102½ -½ 8.82 8.54
136½ 118½ Treas 13% 2000 119½ ... 10.87 8.71
106½ 90½ Treas 7% 2001 91½ +½ 7.62 8.52
122½ 104½ Treas 10% 2001 106½ +½ 9.40 8.71
129½ 103½ Treas 9¾% 2002 105½ +½ 9.23 8.74
113½ 94½ Treas 8% 2003 96½ +½ 8.33 8.61
127½ 105½ Treas 10% 2003 107½ ... 9.28 8.71
129½ 110½ Treas 11½% 2001-04 112½ -½ 10.21 8.94
86½ 71½ Fund 3½% 1999-04 73½ -½ 4.76 7.37
109½ 89½ Treas 6¾% 2004 89½ +1½ 7.65 8.48
125½ 103 Conv 9½% 2004 105½ -½ 9.00 8.64
129½ 103½ Conv 9½% 2005 106½ -½ 8.95 8.61
147½ 119½ Treas 12½% 2003-05 121½ -½ 10.35 8.97
111½ 95½ Treas 8% 2002-06 95½ -½ 8.42 8.67
112½ 61½ Treas 7¾% 2006 97½ +½ 8.26 8.54
136½ 113½ Treas 11¾% 2003-07 115½ +½ 10.13 8.99
119½ 98½ Treas 8½% 2007 99½ +½ 8.35 8.56
151½ 125½ Treas 13½% 2004-08 128½ -½ 10.49 8.97
124½ 101 Treas 9% 2008 103½ +½ 8.69 8.54

LONGS (over 15 years)

115½ 93 Treas 8% 2009 95½ -½ 8.37 8.54
126½ 101½ Conv 9% 2011 104½ -½ 8.62 8.50
127½ 101½ Treas 9% 2012 104½ -½ 8.60 8.48
93½ 72½ Treas 5½% 2008-12 74½ +½ 7.39 8.22
114½ 91½ Treas 7¾% 2012-15 93½ +½ 8.28 8.40
117½ 92½ Treas 8% 2013 95½ -½ 8.36 8.43
159½ 127½ Exch 12% 2013-17 131½ -½ 9.15 8.63
128½ 99½ Treas 8¾% 2017 103½ -½ 8.47 8.40

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54½ 39½ War Ln 3½% 41½ +1 8.41 ...
37½ 27½ Treas 2½% 29½ -½ 8.53 ...

INDEX-LINKED

203½ 195½ Treas IL 2% 1996 198½ ... 2.91 4.14
113½ 106½ Treas IL 4⅝% 1998 106½ +½ 3.03 3.81
176½ 163½ Treas IL 2½% 2001 165½ -½ 3.54 3.95
173½ 159½ Treas IL 2½% 2003 160½ -½ 3.64 3.97
118½ 107½ Treas IL 4⅜% 2004 107½ -½ 3.84 3.96
184½ 165½ Treas IL 2% 2006 165½ ... 3.66 3.91
168½ 149½ Treas IL 2½% 2009 149½ +½ 3.74 3.96
175½ 154½ Treas IL 2½% 2011 154½ +½ 3.78 3.96
140½ 126½ Treas IL 2½% 2013 127½ +½ 3.79 3.96
157½ 134½ Treas IL 2½% 2016 135½ +½ 3.83 3.97
152½ 128½ Treas IL 2½% 2020 129½ +½ 3.83 3.97
129½ 106½ Treas IL 2½% 2024 107½ +½ 3.81 3.96
138½ 105½ Treas IL 4⅛% 2030 107½ -½ 3.84 3.98



LEISURE

579½ 417 Airtours 471 -1 ... 2.4 18.3
46½ 19 Ald Leis 24 ... ... 15.6 7.8
177 155 Alpha Airpts 169 ... ... 3.0 ...
131 85 Baldwin 105 ... ... 4.2 15.8
333 267 Barr & W 'A' 287 ... ... 4.4 12.7
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7½ 3½ Brent Walker 4 ... ...
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74 41 Campari 43 ... ...
439 328 Capital Radio 372 ... ... 2.1 32.8
1047 520 Carlton Comm 885 +5 ... 2.7 19.5
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175 114 Chrysalis 173 ... 3.2 2.3 ...
374 305 Compass Gp 327 ... ... 2.6 19.3
280 232 Eurocamp 280 ... 9.9 4.7 11.0
213 118 Euro Disney 124 +1 ... ...
4 2½ Euro Leisure 3½ ... ...
435 308 Fairline Boats 394 ... ... 3.8 27.4
350 262 First Leisure 285 -2 ... 2.9 18.8
478 309 Flextech 415 +5 ... ...
1033 675 GWR Gp 918 ... ... 1.4 33.2
300 228 Grampian 286 ... ... 3.3 15.3
22 15 Greenwich Comm 16 ... ...
161 106 HTV Group 161 +4 ... 0.8 44.4
96 62 Hi-Tec Sports 74 ... ... 4.6 10.9
18½ 11½ Ilunick 13½ ... ...
702 539 Man Utd 645 ... ... 3.9 26.0
15 13½ My Kinda Town 13½ ... ...
57 34 Northern 52 ... ... 2.4 10.0
130 81 Owners Abrd 101 ... ... 4.4 ...
92½ 65½ The Pelican Gp 89 ... ... 1.5 ...
183 147 Prism Leisure 147 ... ... 3.6 ...
43 29 Quadrant Grp 39 ... ...
275 205 Rainsdens (B) 225 +7 ... 2.0 39.6
628 395 Scott Radio 578 +8 ... 2.3 22.6
574 355 Scot TV 414 ... ... 3.7 ...
40½ 24 SelecTV 26 -½ ... ...
390 290½ Stanley Leisure 332 ... ... 2.0 ...
153 125 Sunset & Vine 128 ... 3.5 3.4 19.7
345½ 280 Tanjong 280 ... ... 1.1 ...
7 1½ Ticketing 1½ 14.7
99 75 Tottenham Hot 94 +3 ... 2.7 35.0
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760 518 Ulster TV 589 ... ... 3.2 22.1
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115 108 Airflow Stream 110 +2 3.0 3.4 16.5
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405 315 Bletchley Mtr 315 ... ... 3.9 12.7
243 180 Bostrum 231 ... ... 3.2 21.8
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465 280 Caffyns 315 ... ... 4.6 21.2
22 13½ Cleverdale 18½ +1 ... 1.0 18.6
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348 249 Cowie 268 +5½ ... 3.7 14.9
192½ 127 Dag Motors 155 -1 ... 5.0 17.8
158 113 Dwyer Vern 156 ... ... 2.6 15.5
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173 118 European Mtr 133 ... ... 4.0 13.9
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310 235 FR Group 288 ... ... 3.3 15.7
2359½ 1806½ Ford Motor 2062½ +25 ... ...
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29½ 25 Malaya Grp 29½ ... ...
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1484½ 868½ Daily Mail 'A' 1025 -12½ ... 1.9 24.0
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159½ 119 Dawson 151 +1 ... 2.5 ...
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106 75 Clarkson (H) 81 ... ... 2.7 20.3
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675 484 South West 511 -4½ ... 6.2 7.5
611 434½ Thames Water 511 -3 ... 5.5 8.6
744 546 Welsh Water 610 -11 ... 5.2 8.7
759½ 551 Wessex Water 626 -9½ ... 4.7 9.0
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Brit Fndmtls Inc	72.14	76.75	- 0.25	4.72
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Capital Growth				
American Growth	285.20	304.50	- 3.40	.49
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Assets & Earnings	256.10	272.40	- 0.70	2.43
Cmdty & Energy	118.90	126.50	- 0.90	.56
Euro Capital Inc	133.50	142.80	+ 0.20	.68
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Japan	138.00	146.80	- 0.80	...
Mastertrust	141.10	150.90	- 0.30	1.18
UK Growth Dist	126.50	135.30	...	2.14
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Income & Growth	374.80	398.70	- 1.30	3.14
Ethical	68.63	73.01	- 0.34	2.59
International	117.60	125.10	- 0.50	.53
Dividend & Growth	59.03	62.80†	- 0.23	4.47
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Aberdeen Portfolio	60.80	61.92†	+ 0.28	0.80
Amer Inc & Growth	42.82	45.18	- 0.12	0.69
Cash	50.28	50.28	+ 0.01	4.48
European	110.40	117.10	+ 0.60	...
European Income	97.30	103.80	+ 0.50	1.43
Exempt	991.70	£10.59†	- 1.60	1.65
Extra Income	51.27	54.85	+ 0.03	4.33
Far East Emg Eco	115.30	124.10†	+ 0.70	0.51
Fixed Interest	22.60	24.13	- 0.09	7.61
Fund Inv Tst	177.70	189.70	+ 0.20	0.88
Japan	202.10	215.30†	+ 0.30	...
Latin American	70.32	75.07†	+ 0.17	0.64
Pacific	73.49	78.70	+ 0.43	0.34
Property Share	68.69	73.32†	- 0.13	1.64
UK Emerging Cos	64.16	68.49†	+ 0.02	1.81
UK Growth	43.66	47.15	...	2.48
World Growth	73.56	78.52	+ 0.39	0.69
Ethical	60.76	64.86	- 0.25	2.20
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.29	49.29	+ 0.07	6.61
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UK Equity Income	95.00	101.06†	+ 0.02	3.14
UK Equity Growth	84.94	90.36	+ 0.06	2.29
European	70.55	75.05	+ 0.56	0.89
Nth American	67.32	71.62	- 0.69	1.41
Far Eastern	76.56	81.45	+ 0.13	0.64
Money	66.20	66.20†	+ 0.01	3.69
Fixed Interest	68.86	73.25†	- 0.27	6.63
Index Linked Gilt	62.73	66.73†	- 0.06	1.41
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 25 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	68.69	73.07†	- 0.20	2.78
British Income	78.28	83.27†	- 0.16	3.54
Select Portfolio	87.06	92.62†	+ 0.01	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	74.57	79.12	- 0.23	2.05
Income Builder Inc	65.91	70.12	+ 0.05	2.90
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	229.50	245.30	+ 1.10	3.33
Capital	405.30	433.20	+ 1.40	1.79
Balanced	670.90	717.10	+ 4.30	2.78
Accumulator	£12.15	£12.98	+ 7.00	3.02
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.33	50.59†	+ 0.17	3.64
High Income	395.50	422.70	+ 2.00	3.65
Equity Income	222.10	237.40†	+ 0.80	3.61
High Yield	241.60	258.20	+ 1.00	3.64
Govt Securities	32.26	34.05	+ 0.05	5.35
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	134.30	143.50	+ 0.10	0.42
European Growth	36.33	38.66	+ 0.54	0.08
International	165.40	176.60	+ 1.60	0.22
Japan	240.00	256.00	+ 1.70	0.01
Pacific	428.30	457.80†	+ 6.20	0.02
Secs of America	399.50	425.10	+ 2.70	0.44
Wwide Asset Val	50.02	53.44	+ 0.47	0.19
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	531.90	567.20	+ 2.70	2.38
Conv & Gilt	44.09	47.13†	...	4.65
Smaller Cos	166.70	178.20†	+ 0.30	1.27
2nd Smaller Cos	158.70	169.60	+ 0.10	1.20
Recovery	136.90	146.30	+ 0.80	1.78
Met Min & Cmty	155.10	165.80	+ 1.80	0.84
Oseas Earnings	347.80	371.20†	+ 2.20	1.97
Technology	148.40	158.60	+ 2.80	0.02
UK Special Sits	443.50	474.10	+ 2.10	1.91
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	98.54	100.30	+ 0.98	1.45
Foundtn Pens	61.16	63.54	+ 0.62	4.09
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	69.41	73.84†	- 0.28	1.95
International	63.53	67.59†	...	0.13
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	276.00	297.20	+ 0.10	...
Bond	108.50	114.30	+ 0.50	6.81
Brit Smlr Cos	98.98	105.30	...	0.95
Conv & Gen	64.07	68.38†	- 0.58	5.48
Energy	432.90	467.90	- 3.80	0.22
Europe	239.50	253.80	+ 1.30	0.48
Euro Smlr Cos	106.10	112.40	+ 0.30	0.82
Income Gwth	335.20	357.70	- 2.90	4.27
Japan	353.00	375.10	- 0.60	...
Pacific	111.10	118.20	- 0.60	0.77
UK Smlr Cos	51.33	54.61	- 0.02	0.90
Japan Fd	818.10	841.80	- 1.00	...
Mngd Fd	170.60	181.40	- 0.10	2.96
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	277.80	292.40	- 1.30	1.29
Capital Gwth	112.80	118.70	- 1.20	2.36
Wwide Opps	180.10	189.60	+ 2.30	0.44
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bnt Inv Fd Inc	342.00	356.20	- 0.40	2.82
European Bd Inc	39.36	42.52†	+ 0.04	8.27
Exempt	72.41	77.23	- 0.19	4.31
Financial	69.55	74.38	- 0.15	2.77
500.0	444.90	475.80	- 0.70	2.39
General	265.50	284.00	- 0.70	2.69
Property	248.10	265.30	...	5.54
Trustee	175.30	187.50†	- 0.30	2.34
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†	...	4.31
Extra Income	114.90	122.80	- 0.40	4.07
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.16	58.04	+ 0.13	8.80
Income	511.60	547.10†	- 1.90	4.16
Income Builder	63.07	67.09	- 0.13	4.69
Intl Income	64.40	68.52†	- 0.38	3.48
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	113.80	121.40	- 0.20	2.66
Leisure	119.60	127.90	- 0.20	1.18
Recovery	405.10	433.20	- 0.30	2.52
Smllr Cos Inc	41.38	44.38†	+ 0.05	1.76
Special Sits	273.70	292.80	- 0.40	1.72
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	122.50	129.90	- 1.0	0.54
Aust Acc	258.20	274.60	- 1.30	1.96
Aust Inc	160.50	170.80	- 0.70	1.96
Euro Gwth Inc	151.60	160.60†	+ 0.90	0.64
Japan & Gen Inc	199.00	210.70	- 0.40	...
Japan Spec Sits	92.14	97.60	- 0.77	...
Univ Tech Inc	79.20	84.17†	- 0.05	0.36
Worldwide	174.90	185.70†	- 0.20	0.62
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	89.13	94.75	+ 0.23	...
Amer Smllr Cos	114.70	123.60	- 1.00	...
Cash Trust	49.99	49.99	+ 0.02	4.10
Convertibles	56.89	60.84†	- 0.16	5.40
Eastern	284.70	307.20	+ 2.50	0.10
Equity Income	85.39	90.83†	- 0.34	4.90
European Growth	295.50	313.60	+ 2.50	1.00
Europe	219.90	234.50	+ 1.90	0.60
German Growth	70.42	74.92	+ 0.87	0.10
Global Bond	62.16	65.54†	+ 0.03	5.70
Global Growth	124.00	132.70	+ 0.40	...
Japan Growth	225.30	240.20	+ 0.40	...
Japan Sunrise	204.50	218.00	+ 1.90	...
Korea Trust	78.16	86.82	- 1.12	...
Portfolio	131.20	140.40	+ 0.10	1.60
UK Growth	85.58	90.82†	- 0.03	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	89.42	95.63	- 0.03	1.50
Select Managers	73.20	78.44	- 0.06	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.44	84.51†	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	54.48	57.98	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	161.50	172.70†	- 0.90	0.94
Dividend	78.04	83.47†	- 0.85	4.20
Intl Gth & Inc	205.50	219.80†	- 0.60	2.77
UK & Gen	42.77	45.74	- 0.16	1.47
Fund of Funds	65.18	69.71	+ 0.18	0.67
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	104.49	110.57	- 0.23	1.83
Smaller Cos	102.95	108.95	...	1.15
Higher Yield	43.02	45.59†	- 0.10	3.32
American Gilt Inc	70.57	74.68†	- 0.42	...
European Growth	135.52	143.41	+ 0.09	0.09
Global Bond Inc	27.11	28.63	+ 0.02	4.68
Mngd Pfolio Inc	42.41	44.86	- 0.11	0.93
Intl Spec Opps	115.50	122.60	- 1.28	0.10
Pacific Grth	135.36	143.23	+ 0.34	...
Formerly LAS				
UK General	76.55	81.00†	- 0.35	2.33
Japan	70.78	74.90†	- 0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.07	95.99	+ 0.48	6.28
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7236				
Short Dated Gilt	63.53	64.34	- 0.06	6.28
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	149.00	158.60†	- 0.10	1.52
UK Growth	160.40	170.70†	- 2.80	2.19
UK Income	129.20	137.50	- 0.40	4.33
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	181.70	192.60†	- 0.30	2.06
-do- Income Dist	104.70	111.00	- 0.30	4.50
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.56	41.94	+ 0.36	6.49
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	144.20	153.60	+ 0.50	...
European Inc	79.68	84.46	+ 0.58	0.52
Smaller Cos (4-1)	79.23	84.25	+ 0.05	1.71
Growth	408.00	436.00	- 0.60	2.19
Income & Growth	392.00	417.10†	- 1.00	3.89
Japan & Gen	81.72	86.94	- 0.13	...
Master Portfolio	£103.08	£107.04†	- 6.00	1.90
Special Sits	93.72	99.71†	- 0.07	2.22
High Yield	£12.76	£13.16	- 3.00	4.34
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	35.31	37.76	- 0.04	0.27
Cash Income	50.29	50.29	+ 0.01	5.02
European Gwth	40.82	43.47	- 0.32	0.34
Income & Gwth Inc	26.88	28.54	- 0.10	4.28
Intnl Gwth	31.67	33.87	+ 0.12	0.56
Japan Gwth	30.51	32.63	+ 0.27	...
Managed Tst Inc	48.30	51.65	- 0.04	1.82
Oriental Opps Inc	146.20	156.30	+ 2.30	...
Property Shares	39.17	41.89	- 2.08	0.32
Smaller Cos	30.23	32.33	+ 0.05	1.34
UK Growth Tst	25.22	26.97	+ 0.39	2.50
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	71.94	76.94	+ 0.06	1.26
Cap Hse UK Inc	65.77	70.34	- 0.11	2.45
Exempt (E)	28.40	29.21	...	2.33
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	140.00	149.70	- 2.20	1.64
Foundation	91.12	97.45	- 0.13	2.31
German	51.23	54.79	+ 0.30	...
High Income	72.63	77.67	- 0.97	5.81
Income	131.20	140.30	- 0.50	3.33
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.20	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	79.28	84.79	- 1.20	4.17
North American	101.20	108.20	- 0.30	...
Orient	156.60	167.40	+ 1.40	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.37	85.72†	+ 0.35	2.35
American Portfolio	86.64	92.37	+ 0.25	1.07
European Portfolio	96.24	102.58	+ 1.26	0.84
Japanese Portfolio	74.94	79.71†	- 0.07	...
Pacific Portfolio	142.15	152.86	+ 0.30	0.78
UK Inc & Growth	72.77	77.92	+ 0.13	3.58
Utility & Bond	52.91	53.58	+ 0.02	6.15
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	62.95	66.96	- 0.02	2.99
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	136.66	148.21†	...	...
UK Income	108.80	118.01†	...	5.056
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	76.90	81.45	...	2.05
Beck Bio-Tech	24.41	27.40†	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	154.45	162.58†	...	1.30
City Fin Assets	69.92	74.38	+ 0.39	1.05
City Fin America	79.72	83.92	...	...
City Fin Intl	77.10	81.16	...	0.48
City Fin Japan	186.63	196.45	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	263.70	285.19†	- 0.22	1.49
Friars Hse Inc	194.66	207.09	+ 0.19	3.93
Buckley Wrld Grth	132.58	141.04	...	0.09
Fairmont Cap Gth	141.02	148.44	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	108.76	114.48	...	1.57
Fairmount Intl	157.71	166.01	...	...
City Fin Pflo Inc	56.20	59.79†	...	4.11
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	54.73	58.07†	- 0.60	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	51.95	55.56	+ 0.04	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.93	39.50	+ 0.17	0.27
Dragon Growth	71.02	75.96	+ 0.75	0.41
Equity High Inc	79.56	84.64	- 0.21	3.90
European Gwth	50.52	53.74	+ 0.48	0.77
Evergreen	29.66	31.72	- 0.05	...
General Equity	80.05	84.98†	- 0.15	2.50
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.79	25.02†	+ 0.22	8.21
Japan Growth	56.81	60.76	+ 0.11	...
Pedigree Gwth	49.20	52.34	- 0.04	2.49
Fed Sm Cos Inc	31.10	33.08	- 0.01	0.88
Retirement Inc	24.97	26.71†	- 0.18	5.67
Special Sits	37.21	39.80	+ 0.09	1.79
UK & Overseas	47.49	50.52	+ 0.15	0.98
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	63.20	67.59	- 0.14	2.40
Income	57.15	61.12	- 1.44	4.04
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	157.46	167.51	- 0.71	5.35
Fixed & Convertible	40.24	42.81†	+ 0.03	6.97
Monthly Inc Plus	48.45	51.54	+ 0.12	8.69
Preference Share	47.09	50.10†	+ 0.04	7.93
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	121.96	129.74†	- 0.49	6.70
Managed Fund	66.69	70.95	+ 0.20	2.50
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.80	42.34	- 0.01	1.60
UK & General	75.80	80.64	- 0.16	2.38
UK Growth	135.46	144.08	- 0.33	2.37
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	197.01	209.59	+ 1.04	0.24
Far Eastern Grth	137.70	146.49	+ 0.72	...
Global Bond	80.27	85.32	+ 0.42	6.14
Japan Growth	135.25	143.88	- 0.45	...
North Amer Grth	151.47	161.14	- 0.23	...
Oriental Growth	79.68	84.77	+ 1.06	...
Worldwide Growth	64.81	68.94	- 0.06	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.50	92.50	+ 0.03	4.28
Homemaker Fund	75.40	80.28	+ 0.24	1.88
Quilter Fund	126.76	134.85	- 2.02	2.54
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 640				
Growth Inc	56.99	60.62†	- 0.01	3.00
High Income	32.99	35.09	...	4.70
Japan	38.90	41.38	- 0.04	...
Smaller Cos Inc	30.88	32.85	+ 0.03	2.40
Smaller Cos	32.39	34.45	+ 0.02	2.40
North American	32.05	34.09	- 0.13	0.30
European	37.92	40.34	+ 0.21	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	30.60	32.86	...	3.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	142.70	151.90	- 1.50	1.86
Income	69.97	74.44†	- 0.22	5.09
European	61.48	65.41	+ 0.20	0.59
Recovery	141.90	151.00	- 0.60	1.88
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	794.60	808.10†	...	3.80
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.85	73.34	- 0.29	1.40
Income	228.00	242.50	- 0.50	4.70
Smaller Cos	146.70	156.00	+ 0.20	0.86
Inv Portfolio	76.58	81.46	+ 0.14	1.47
High Income Port	65.27	69.43†	- 0.31	4.90
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 638 0677				
Euro Small Cos	£15.61	£15.99	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£14.19	£14.47	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.39	£18.14	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.56	£15.99	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	198.20	208.60	...	2.52
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	276.10	292.10	+ 1.40	1.03
New Asia	218.78	233.70	+ 1.50	...
Japan Growth	140.10	149.10	+ 0.50	...
Jap Smllr Co	598.90	631.20	+ 1.90	...
Nth Amer	242.60	257.10†	+ 1.50	0.95
Shlfrd Asia Pac Mt	121.80	128.80†	+ 1.30	...
UK Inc & Grth	211.20	225.60	- 0.30	3.16
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	135.50	144.10	- 0.50	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	147.50	156.90	- 0.70	4.59
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.38	58.91	...	5.32
Envrnmntl Opps	80.83	85.99	- 0.16	1.09
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	118.70	126.10	- 0.10	0.99
Convertibles	21.40	22.74	- 0.08	7.26
Equity Income	124.20	132.00	- 0.40	3.79
EuroFund	46.08	48.75	+ 0.21	0.41
Financial	46.08	48.96	+ 0.05	1.63
Growth & Inc	223.10	237.00†	- 5.30	3.16
High Dist	151.60	161.10	- 0.80	4.66
International	397.90	422.80	+ 2.20	0.18
Intl Cap Inc	94.99	101.40†	- 0.10	2.56
Latin American	44.71	47.50†	+ 0.15	...
Pacific	84.34	89.61	+ 1.04	...
Preference Share	22.43	23.83†	- 0.03	6.92
Tokyo	250.10	265.40	...	...
UK Smaller Cos	221.80	235.70	+ 0.20	1.06
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Eicon Trust	210.89	225.13	+ 2.64	1.03
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7264				
Endurance Fd	201.30	214.10	...	0.49
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	79.69	83.88	...	1.73
Ethical Tst	45.48	47.87	...	1.17
Far Eastern	313.66	330.17†	...	1.47
High Income	130.54	137.41	...	4.56
Intl Growth	117.97	124.18	...	1.34
North American	105.75	111.32	...	1.11
Pelican	113.74	119.73	...	3.18
Smaller Cos	70.84	74.57	...	2.19
Special Sits	88.64	93.31	...	2.52
Tst of Inv Tsts	185.62	195.44	...	1.60
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	209.98	218.73	+ 0.25	1.19
Smaller Cos Acc	364.59	379.78	+ 0.45	1.19
Recovery	53.50	55.73	+ 0.07	1.17
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.83	113.65	+ 0.31	5.97
Capital Growth	83.89	89.96	+ 0.12	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.22	48.23†	+ 0.16	0.60
High Income	48.80	50.16†	...	8.83
Warrant	59.43	64.60	+ 0.29	...
Zero Preference	35.99	38.19	+ 0.03	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
Family Asset Tst	75.72	80.55†	- 0.36	2.09
Family Income Tst	47.65	47.65†	- 0.25	5.74
Family Trust	87.01	92.56†	...	1.05
United Charities	258.80	275.20	...	2.80
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.20
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	23.97	25.31	...	2.93
-do- Europe	23.61	24.94	...	4.62
-do- America	22.52	23.72	...	...
-do- Acc Japan	28.00	29.58	...	0.07
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.65	27.91†	...	7.47
Intl Bond	27.79	28.85†	...	4.07
Income Funds				
High Income	25.95	27.31	...	5.27
Income Plus	113.60	120.80	...	3.90
Amer Eq Inc	46.57	49.13	...	1.21
European Income	43.76	46.53	...	1.97
Far East Inc	64.09	68.20	...	1.79
Global Convertible	23.07	24.61†	...	2.66
UK Div Grth	22.41	23.83	...	1.60
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	82.03	86.17	...	...
American	223.50	237.10	...	...
Amer Spec Sits	104.10	111.10	...	...
Japan Smaller Cos	47.80	50.99	...	...
European	164.40	174.90	...	...
European Opps	61.89	65.81	...	...
Global Priv	23.05	25.28	...	...
UK Growth	84.82	90.19	...	...
Growth & Inc	144.10	153.30†	...	2.94
Intl PEP	35.04	37.26†	...	...
Japan Spec Sits	108.30	116.00	...	...
Japan	219.50	234.10†	...	...
Managed Intl	271.80	290.00	...	...
Moneybuilder	52.54	55.87†	...	...
Recovery	48.14	49.06	...	...
South E Asia	151.60	161.80	...	...
Special Sits	506.40	538.50	...	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	106.10	111.70	...	2.53
UK Reverse Index	79.05	83.65	...	3.74
Europe Index	98.75	104.00	...	4.49
-do- Reverse Index	71.29	75.19	...	7.01
America Index	95.71	101.90	...	0.19
-do- Reverse Index	93.41	98.35	...	0.31
Japan Index	140.00	147.40	...	0.16
-do- Reverse Index	91.36	96.19	...	0.81
Cash Accum Units	106.00	106.00	...	4.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2709				
Balanced	137.50	140.70	...	1.41
Inc Pfolio	85.31	86.06	- 0.09	3.65
Cap Pfolio	143.40	146.20	+ 0.30	0.69
General Opps	121.50	123.50	...	3.20
Growth Inc	30.23	30.90	+ 0.05	1.65
Private Portfolio	396.10	404.10	...	1.32
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 2081, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	113.80	120.30†	+ 0.40	0.47
Far Eastern	176.80	190.80	+ 1.00	...
High Income	21.64	23.00†	- 0.17	9.91
Oseas Income	92.56	99.01	+ 0.09	2.99
UK Growth	109.90	117.50†	- 0.20	1.40
UK Income	102.00	108.80†	- 0.20	4.23
US Smaller Cos	279.80	299.40	- 2.40	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	47.75	50.80†	- 0.20	3.31
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.64	82.60	+ 0.09	4.50
Intl Growth	69.62	74.06	...	1.22
Investment Trust	91.29	97.12	+ 0.25	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	77.77	82.73†	- 0.22	1.30
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	50.42	53.92	+ 0.01	...
(Accum Units)	50.42	53.92	+ 0.01	...
Amer Smllr Cos	429.70	459.50	- 1.30	...
(Accum Units)	430.00	460.40	- 1.30	...
Capital Tst	312.00	331.80	- 0.30	1.44
(Accum Units)	441.30	469.40	- 0.50	1.44
Contl Smllr Cos	60.47	65.07	- 0.48	0.48
(Accum Units)	63.59	68.43	+ 0.51	0.48
Convertible	129.30	137.50†	- 0.50	5.19
(Accum Units)	256.00	271.20†	- 1.10	5.19
Emerging Markets	78.57	83.94	+ 0.39	...
(Accum Units)	78.64	84.01	+ 0.39	...
European	120.00	127.70	+ 0.50	0.08
(Accum Units)	125.80	133.80	+ 0.60	0.08
Extra Income	318.30	338.50	- 1.00	3.82
(Accum Units)	470.80	500.70	- 1.40	3.82
Financial	118.40	127.20	- 0.20	0.40
(Accum Units)	124.70	133.90	- 0.20	0.40
Gilt Trust	60.89	62.79	+ 0.41	6.34
(Accum Units)	82.71	85.30	+ 0.56	6.34
Health Fund Inc	110.10	117.60	+ 0.60	...
(Accum Units)	110.10	117.60	+ 0.60	...
Income & Growth	189.20	201.20	- 0.40	3.63
(Accum Units)	278.30	296.00	- 0.50	3.63
Intl Growth	350.10	376.50	+ 0.10	...
(Accum Units)	388.70	418.10	+ 0.10	...
Japan & Gen	206.70	221.30	+ 0.50	...
(Accum Units)	208.70	223.50	+ 0.50	...
Managed Port Inc	102.90	108.30	...	1.29
(Accum Units)	109.10	114.80	...	1.29
Monthly Income	159.40	169.50	- 0.60	3.91
Quarterly Income	53.17	56.55	- 0.01	4.21
(Accum Units)	55.33	58.85	- 0.02	4.21
Recovery	348.90	373.10	- 0.30	...
(Accum Units)	410.50	438.90	- 0.40	...
UK Growth	50.03	53.48	- 0.02	2.53
(Accum Units)	51.75	55.32	- 0.02	2.53
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	370.75	394.41	- 0.94	2.81
-do- Accum	773.67	823.05	- 1.97	2.81
FP Euro Gth Dist	136.42	145.13†	+ 1.01	0.22
-do- Accum	141.88	150.94†	+ 1.05	0.22
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.74	136.17	+ 1.14	7.17
-do- Accum	229.66	242.92	+ 2.03	7.17
FP Intl Gth Dist	93.66	99.64	+ 0.20	0.46
-do- Accum	97.71	103.95	+ 0.20	0.46
FP Nth Amer Dist	180.27	190.96†	- 0.35	0.92
-do- Accum	197.75	209.48†	- 0.38	0.92
FP Pac Basin Dist	326.78	347.64†	+ 1.56	0.15
-do- Accum	333.45	354.73†	+ 1.60	0.15
Stewardship Dist	324.22	344.92	- 0.74	2.02
-do- Accum	392.15	417.18	- 0.88	2.02
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	70.64	75.15†	- 0.03	3.50
-do- Accum	90.25	96.01†	- 0.02	3.50
N Am Stshp Dist	95.71	101.82†	+ 0.04	0.57
-do- Accum	101.47	107.95†	+ 0.05	0.57
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	108.10	115.00	+ 0.20	0.81
Open Cap Gth Acc	110.70	117.70	+ 0.10	0.10
Cap Gth Inc Inc	103.70	110.30†	- 0.90	1.60
Cap Gth Inc Acc	105.30	112.00	+ 0.10	1.60
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	105.00	111.20†	- 0.90	1.84
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	106.60	113.40	+ 0.10	1.84
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.82	45.30	- 0.19	1.66
Australian	338.20	352.80	- 0.90	0.0
Conscience	70.66	75.41	- 0.19	0.43
European	201.90	214.70	+ 1.70	1.16
Extra Income	71.05	75.82†	- 0.36	5.86
Gilt & FI	54.64	57.66†	- 1.29	6.91
Gold	52.52	61.94	- 0.85	0.0
Income	52.87	56.39	- 0.65	3.90
Intnl	33.61	35.94	+ 0.15	0.49
Jap Smaller Cos	430.40	459.00	+ 1.40	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	252.30	270.50	- 1.40	0.0
Smaller Cos	30.26	32.53	- 0.04	0.58
Special Sits	35.34	37.99	+ 0.15	1.78
Sterling Deposit	100.30	100.30†	...	4.50
Tokyo	95.60	102.10	...	0.0
UK Equity	169.50	180.80†	- 1.70	2.74
US Smaller Cos	106.60	114.00	+ 0.30	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	229.40	242.60	- 0.80	2.46
Cash	49.27	50.01†	- 0.38	3.87
Growth Portfolio	78.15	82.84	+ 0.10	0.69
Income Portfolio	64.68	68.40†	- 0.82	4.53
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	156.60	167.50	...	...
European	563.70	591.70	...	1.22
Far East & Gen	281.70	301.30	...	...
Germany	124.70	132.20	...	...
Income Inc	149.30	159.70	...	4.58
International	342.30	366.10	...	...
Intl Income	80.15	85.12	...	4.06
Japan & General	446.50	475.30	...	...
Korean Securities	70.68	75.60	...	...
Smllr Cos Div Inc	48.95	52.36†	...	4.71
UK Capital (Inc)	171.90	183.90	...	1.91
UK Spec Sits	89.14	95.34	...	0.34
US & General	129.40	137.60	...	...
Wwide Spec Sits	155.40	165.70†	...	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.46	50.76†	- 0.61	2.01
Cash Trust	134.03	134.03†	+ 0.03	4.23
Practical Inv Inc	115.76	123.81	- 0.57	3.55
UK Index	143.29	145.80	- 0.10	2.97
UK Smaller Cos	120.13	128.48	- 1.15	1.02
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.34	26.03†	- 0.02	9.49
High Income	32.03	34.26†	- 0.93	5.02
UK Equity Income	131.46	140.60†	- 3.61	3.80
Global Bond	28.25	29.27†	...	4.85
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	57.04	61.00	+ 0.08	...
Global Inc & Gth	134.38	143.02	+ 0.12	1.43
Gold & Intl Res	115.79	123.84	- 1.83	0.19
Global Utilities	129.47	138.47†	- 0.30	1.03
Overseas Funds				
American	132.00	141.18	- 0.73	0.92
European	97.48	103.16	+ 0.84	0.74
Euro Sel Opps	138.67	147.20†	+ 0.84	0.19
Amer Emerging	87.25	93.32	- 0.47	...
Hong Kong	152.23	162.81	+ 1.34	1.69
Japan	271.10	288.14†	- 0.45	...
Pacific Growth	222.14	237.58	- 2.65	1.18
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	209.50	209.50†	+ 0.11	1.78
Long Term Bal	227.81	227.81†	+ 0.02	2.25
Med Term Bal	190.80	190.80†	+ 0.29	2.85
UK Equity	232.22	232.22	- 0.12	2.23
UK Emerging Cos	137.62	137.62†	+ 0.26	2.14
American	221.83	221.83	- 1.16	1.31
Japan	143.47	143.47	- 0.89	...
European	254.75	254.75	+ 2.08	0.97
Index Linked Gilt	158.46	158.46†	- 0.15	3.37
Fixed Interest	148.78	148.78	+ 1.10	6.60
Amer Emergng	236.75	236.75	- 0.92	...
Pacific	241.12	241.12†	+ 2.29	0.92
Emerging Mkts	166.27	166.27	- 0.88	0.41
Index Strat Japan	167.24	167.24†	...	0.20
-do- Pacific Rim	184.82	184.82†	...	1.04
-do- Cont Europe	149.40	149.40†	...	1.54
Index Strat USA	125.09	125.09†	...	2.30
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	98.97	105.28	+ 0.05	...
Med Term Bal	90.71	96.50	+ 0.15	...
Long Term Bal	102.58	109.12	+ 0.01	...
UK Equity	107.41	114.27	- 0.06	...
UK Emerging Cos	64.53	68.65	+ 0.13	...
American	103.10	109.68	- 0.58	...
Japan	69.05	73.46	- 0.48	...
European	106.18	112.96	+ 0.93	...
Fixed Interest	75.06	79.85	+ 0.59	...
Index Linked Gilt	70.20	74.68	- 0.07	...
Deposit	78.20	83.19	+ 0.03	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	123.94	130.46†	+ 0.36	...
Berkeley Income	110.89	116.73†	+ 0.07	2.18
BWR Intl	138.19	145.46	+ 0.08	0.58
Brclff Gth Port Inc	60.58	63.91	+ 0.11	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	55.76	58.85†	+ 0.04	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	53.27	56.22	+ 0.07	0.50
Shaw Utilities	53.71	56.69	- 0.84	3.78
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	139.90	147.70	...	1.40
Higher Income	126.30	132.30	...	2.19
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	550.27	585.39	...	0.56
European Inc	145.98	155.30	...	1.33
Amalgam Inc	149.97	158.73	...	...
N America Inc	305.09	324.56	...	...
Far East Inc	368.79	392.34	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	171.21	182.14	...	0.90
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	82.22	86.70	- 0.57	4.86
UK Small Cos	46.25	49.47	- 1.84	1.04
British Growth	52.87	55.76	- 0.21	2.90
American Gwth	139.23	148.91	- 0.23	0.37
Japan Gwth	90.07	96.33	+ 0.20	...
Greater China	200.16	214.07†	+ 0.58	...
Pacific Strategy	170.74	182.61	- 0.11	...
European Gwth	87.35	93.42	+ 0.60	0.56
Intl Growth	142.67	152.59	- 1.10	0.51
US Index (E)	12.76	13.45	...	3.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	74.81	79.23†	- 1.34	2.31
Monthly Income	38.30	40.84†	- 0.47	10.00
MIB Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0093				
Grt UK Index (E)	10.26	10.81	+ 0.04	3.60

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GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	94.57	100.61	...	1.18
Bridge Income	256.90	273.30	...	5.47
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 56 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	136.00	136.00	...	5.83
European	485.10	518.20	+ 4.30	0.19
Gilt & Fixed	124.50	132.10	+ 0.20	5.01
Growth Equity	325.50	347.70	- 0.60	1.87
Income Trust	123.20	131.60	- 0.40	2.99
International	183.80	196.30	...	...
Japan Trust	139.80	149.30†	- 0.70	...
Nth American	251.90	269.10	- 0.90	0.27
Pacific	566.00	604.70	+ 2.10	...
Guardhill	480.80	513.60	+ 1.10	1.91
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	102.14	106.00	- 0.73	8.09
Global High Inc	102.74	106.65†	- 5.24	7.66
Prem Fixed Int	101.56	105.43	+ 0.32	8.71
Eqty & Bond Inc	100.15	106.49†	+ 0.06	4.04
European Growth	99.03	105.30	- 1.00	...
Intl PEP Trust	59.96	63.75	- 0.40	...
High Income	116.83	124.23†	...	4.04
Recovery	372.10	395.60	+ 2.90	1.40
St Vinc High Inc	125.37	127.25	- 3.63	6.88
Tmp Bar Emer Co	241.80	257.10	+ 0.10	1.54
Tmp Br Sm Co In	331.80	344.30†	+ 0.60	2.11
Glob Priv Tst	92.38	98.23	- 0.81	1.30
Inc Share Tst	95.21	101.24	+ 0.12	7.90
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 966				
Global Advtg Inc	38.34	40.65	- 0.50	1.54
Income Advtg Inc	30.60	32.53	- 0.20	3.76
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	198.70	211.90	- 0.50	2.10
Smaller Cos	34.72	36.94	+ 0.05	0.81
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	284.21	304.10	+ 0.32	1.26
Best of British	61.59	65.47	- 0.01	2.56
UK Smaller Cos	119.63	128.60†	- 0.49	1.13
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	268.91	286.38	- 0.14	3.08
High Income	312.64	334.21†	- 0.94	3.89
Extra Income	270.62	287.80	- 1.00	5.15
Pref & Gilt	44.63	47.97†	+ 0.03	9.06
International				
International	270.90	289.14	- 0.64	...
Global Bond	53.45	56.75	+ 0.59	5.49
Family of Funds	81.02	86.49†	+ 0.04	0.18
Global Tech	134.51	143.85	+ 1.04	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	181.74	194.35†	- 1.46	0.06
European	478.71	507.67	+ 3.76	0.39
European Income	82.55	87.42†	- 1.55	2.44
Euro Smlr Cos	147.16	157.90	+ 0.75	0.07
Eur Sp Sits	69.47	73.91	+ 0.39	0.31
Japan Trust	239.36	254.69†	...	...
Japan Special Sits	271.41	288.78	- 0.23	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	264.99	281.92	+ 1.56	...
North American	227.86	242.37†	- 0.09	0.28
American Smaller	97.38	104.09	- 0.22	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	51.69	54.79	- 0.12	...
Eur Sp Sits	59.62	63.19	+ 0.24	...
General Growth	41.42	43.90	- 0.01	...
Global Tech	52.62	55.77	+ 0.40	...
Income Growth	40.92	43.37	- 0.05	...
Japan Growth	29.27	31.02	...	...
Overseas Growth	39.57	41.94	- 0.09	...
Smaller Cos	21.24	22.51	- 0.09	...
Special Opps	28.09	29.77	+ 0.01	...
Wwide Sp Sits	49.37	52.33	- 0.12	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	95.71	102.30	- 1.00	1.86
Capital	169.80	181.60†	- 1.10	1.64
Dollar	327.40	350.10	- 1.40	...
European	237.00	253.40†	- 0.60	...
Far East	334.50	357.70	- 2.90	0.18
Financial	785.80	840.40	- 10.50	1.38
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.75	25.74†	- 0.04	6.04
High Yield	102.40	109.50	- 1.40	4.52
Income & Growth	140.20	149.90	- 1.40	3.53
International	252.60	270.10†	- 1.40	...
Japanese General	224.44	240.00	+ 0.10	...
Japan Tech	91.21	97.55	+ 0.52	...
Nat Resources	74.65	79.83	- 1.81	...
Portfolio	71.71	76.69	- 0.67	1.49
Security	325.40	348.00	- 3.60	1.97
Smaller Cos	127.70	136.50	- 2.70	1.00
Special Sits	147.70	157.90	- 2.30	1.29
UK Emerging Cos	89.94	96.19	+ 0.15	0.37
US Smaller Cos	64.79	69.29†	- 0.56	...

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JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	131.60	139.90	+ 2.40	...
Income	139.60	148.70	- 0.52	4.12
UK Growth	50.78	54.01†	- 0.09	1.07
International	85.28	90.72†	- 0.25	0.25
Ecology	74.54	79.54	- 0.25	1.20
European	115.43	122.40	+ 1.18	...
Far Eastern	336.10	357.50	+ 0.40	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 0277 227 300				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	50.66	54.11	- 0.37	7.10
Gilt Yield	112.30	118.40	+ 0.40	7.21
Global Income	219.60	233.60†	- 4.36	3.80
High Yield	137.70	146.50	- 2.21	5.95
Smllr Cos Div	52.47	55.82†	- 2.29	2.84
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.14	94.72	- 1.36	...
North American	74.17	78.90	- 0.13	0.25
European Special	94.17	105.50†	+ 0.50	0.14
European	155.80	165.70	+ 0.90	0.36
General	264.20	291.10	- 5.20	3.20
Japan	475.10	505.40	- 0.10	...
Japanese Special	293.20	311.90	+ 0.50	...
Master Accum	245.30	261.00	...	0.82
Pacific	361.30	384.40	- 0.60	0.22
Smaller Cos	111.90	119.00	- 4.10	0.54
UK Equity Growth	40.72	43.33†	- 0.46	1.56
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	64.09	68.19	+ 0.06	...
Im Trust	70.37	74.87	- 0.06	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	59.59	63.39	- 0.07	0.80
High Inc Acc	54.06	57.51	- 0.12	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	594.40	606.50†	...	5.08
Intl & General	434.80	453.50	...	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	54.83	58.33†	- 0.26	4.51
Smaller Cos	54.44	57.91	- 0.02	0.87
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 377 623				
Growth Trust	243.60	259.40	- 0.50	1.99
High Income	105.90	112.70†	- 0.60	4.12
International	99.81	106.20†	- 0.10	0.30
Recovery Trust	63.70	67.80	+ 0.07	1.57
European Trust	84.85	90.27	- 0.55	0.58
Japanese Trust	49.62	52.79	- 0.17	...
American Trust	77.64	82.60	- 0.41	...
Managed	67.08	71.36	- 0.04	0.52
Cash	50.52	51.52	+ 0.10	3.99
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	353.50	359.10	...	2.51
UK Inc/Gth	380.20	385.50	...	3.35
UK Income	265.80	270.10	...	4.06
UK Sm Cos	239.70	249.70	...	1.59
Euro Gwth	124.20	125.30	...	...
N Amer Gwth	75.93	76.68	...	0.12
Japan Growth	86.78	87.77	...	...
Money Mkt	119.72	119.72	...	2.300
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	460.40	489.80	- 0.30	2.61
Equity Income	96.20	102.40†	- 0.10	3.95
UK Tactical Allocn	54.38	57.75†	+ 0.05	2.66
European	116.70	124.10†	+ 0.40	0.93
Far Eastern	250.50	266.50	- 1.30	...
Fixed Interest	49.92	53.11†	- 0.02	7.42
Gilt	86.34	91.45	+ 0.47	6.72
Global Growth	81.26	86.45	- 0.39	0.66
Intl Bond	52.19	55.39	- 0.18	4.77
Japanese	86.05	91.54	- 0.22	...
North American	144.90	154.10†	- 1.30	0.45
Pacific Growth	120.10	127.80	...	...
UK Index	61.05	64.45	- 0.05	3.09
UK Recovery	90.22	95.98	- 0.02	1.81
UK Smaller Cos	120.30	127.90†	- 0.10	1.20
US Index	57.14	60.31†	- 0.10	1.81
European Index	73.87	77.96†	+ 0.01	1.58
Japan Index	45.97	48.52	- 0.06	...
Worldwide	65.01	68.44	- 0.05	1.26
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8576 Dealing: 0900 282 621				
Growth	49.68	51.79†	+ 0.01	1.74
Income	57.83	62.18†	- 0.19	2.72
Far East	59.63	63.77	+ 0.12	...
North American	83.65	89.47	+ 0.90	...
Global	92.95	98.88	+ 0.34	0.10
European	87.98	94.10	+ 0.57	0.50
Japan	123.70	131.60	+ 0.30	...
Intl Currency Bd	57.77	61.20	...	...
SE Asia	115.80	127.10	...	0.26
UK Cap Growth	90.54	96.63	- 0.33	1.90

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	£12.71	£12.94	...	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.20	139.40	...	4.75
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	187.70	200.80	- 0.30	2.35
Gilt & Fxd Int	166.40	175.30	+ 0.40	6.92
Intl Growth	214.20	226.10	- 0.20	0.23
North American	177.60	185.40†	- 0.10	0.42
Far East	277.80	299.20†	- 2.10	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	166.90	178.50	...	1.72
European	53.15	56.56†	+ 0.52	0.23
Japanese Growth	53.92	57.29	- 0.11	...
High Income	183.10	195.80	- 1.10	4.36
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester CH99 9QG 0244 660 866				
M & S Inv Pfolio	147.50	156.90†	- 0.06	2.14
-do- Accum	168.00	178.70†	- 0.06	2.14
UK Sel Pfolio	125.50	133.40	- 0.22	2.38
-do- Accum	144.20	153.40	- 0.22	2.38
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 542				
Managed Tst	64.97	69.12	...	3.97
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	72.25	76.70	- 0.29	4.25
European	92.58	97.66	- 0.38	0.40
Income & Growth	72.97	77.46	- 0.36	3.01
Nth American	57.88	61.44	- 0.08	0.35
Far East	182.00	193.30	- 0.90	...
Japan	64.07	67.98	- 0.23	...
Emerging Mkts	112.30	119.80	- 0.30	...
Intl Growth	112.10	119.30	- 0.50	0.28
UK Growth	65.88	92.25	- 0.40	0.80
UK Smlr Co	45.94	48.77	- 0.06	0.66
Asian Opps Fd	41.51	44.40	+ 0.43	0.15
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	404.25	430.05	- 1.36	3.96
Global Inc	65.67	69.86	- 0.09	2.60
Brit Leaders	330.83	351.95	- 0.51	2.56
Intl Leaders	196.42	211.09	+ 0.23	0.92
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.52	65.99	+ 0.12	0.68
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2060				
American	194.90	207.10	- 0.60	...
(Accum Units)	209.10	221.40	- 0.60	
American Opps	86.70	92.48	- 0.63	
(Accum Units)	87.74	93.64	- 0.63	
British Blue Chip	77.96	82.96	- 0.03	3.04
(Accum Units)	94.39	100.40	...	3.04
Cash	100.20	100.20†	...	4.85
(Accum Units)	135.10	135.10†	...	4.85
Emerging Mkts	119.20	128.30†	- 1.00	...
European Growth	246.80	263.40	+ 1.50	0.60
(Accum Units)	266.40	284.30	+ 1.70	0.60
European Income	63.75	68.90†	+ 0.22	2.75
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.30	2.75
General	[illegible]	571.10	- 0.90	2.26
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	1023	- 1.00	2.26
Global Bond	[illegible]	75.10	+ 0.30	6.22
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.10	6.22
Gilt & [illegible]	[illegible]	219.70	- 4.50	0.43
(Accum Units)	207.40	222.60	- 4.60	0.43
Gold [illegible]	[illegible]	90.65†	+ 0.41	7.65
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.80	7.85
Income	[illegible]	156.10	- 1.70	4.41
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	243.20	- 0.80	4.41
International	[illegible]	491.90	+ 0.30	0.57
(Accum Units)	614.40	654.90	+ 0.40	0.57
Japan	215.10	226.50	- 0.70	
(Accum Units)	221.50	[illegible]	- 0.70	...
New Europe	177.00	[illegible]	- 0.50	1.37
(Accum Units)	162.70	[illegible]	+ 0.60	1.37
Pacific	125.10	[illegible]	+ 0.30	0.63
(Accum Units)	134.40	[illegible]	+ 0.30	0.63
Recovery	304.60	[illegible]	- 0.70	2.71
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.00	2.71
UK Smaller Cos	56.56	62.46	+ 0.18	1.74
(Accum Units)	66.62	70.22	+ 0.20	1.74
Portfolio	[illegible]	64.74	+ 0.07	2.67
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	98.57	+ 0.09	2.67
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	115.34	122.70	+ 0.58	0.88
Intl Strategy	67.22	71.51†	- 0.09	0.07
UK Income Inc	74.99	79.98	- 0.24	4.70
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	11.64	12.38	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	303.10	322.50	- 1.60	...
European Gth Inc	404.30	432.10	+ 4.10	0.28
Intl Gwth	196.40	209.60	...	...
UK Equity Inc	175.50	187.10	+ 0.10	3.03
UK Ind Trckr Inc	153.50	164.30†	- 2.10	2.73
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	190.00	201.50	- 1.10	1.41
Japan Tracker	84.01	88.97	+ 0.10	...
Asian Trader	216.90	233.90	+ 3.50	0.25
Managed Inc	150.50	161.80	+ 0.20	1.54
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00†	+ 0.02	4.44
Europa	182.70	196.50†	+ 1.00	0.26
Genesis	150.70	164.90	+ 0.20	2.31
High Income	21.82	23.17	+ 0.07	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	93.66	95.84	- 0.35	2.21
Acumen Inc	89.64	91.72	- 0.34	2.21
Acumen Reserve	79.61	80.40†	+ 0.30	7.39
-do- Inc	70.54	71.24†	+ 0.27	7.39
Americas Growth	165.50	170.00	- 1.00	0.79
Cash Income	49.90	49.90	- 0.48	4.35
Equity Income	94.63	97.05†	- 0.40	4.39
European	74.11	75.84	+ 0.08	0.54
Smaller Cos	76.98	80.35	+ 0.03	1.08
Olympiad	68.93	70.76	- 0.22	...
Global Bond	44.47	44.94	- 0.62	7.02
UK Growth	91.01	93.46	- 0.09	1.77
Pacific Growth	110.30	113.60†	+ 1.30	...
Japan Growth	106.00	107.60†	+ 0.20	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	117.13	124.61†	- 0.36	2.89
For NM Funds see Friends Provident				
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	71.86	76.45†	- 0.04	2.18
UK Income	106.00	112.80	- 0.20	3.80
Gilt & Fixed Int	69.30	73.34	+ 0.18	6.18
Higher Income	215.80	229.60†	- 0.20	4.72
Smaller Cos	78.66	83.69	- 3.05	1.88
International	96.91	103.10	- 0.09	1.77
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	102.90	110.10	+ 0.06	...
European Dist	112.30	120.10	+ 0.60	...
Far East Dist	198.00	211.80†	+ 1.80	...
Global Cure Dist	66.88	71.53	+ 0.49	2.08
Oseas Dist	£10.60	£11.33	+ 5.40	...
UK Dist	333.90	357.10	...	2.71
UK Extra Inc Dist	75.12	80.34†	- 1.06	4.12
Wwide Dist	107.60	115.00	+ 0.50	...
Wwide Inc Dist	70.17	75.05	+ 0.07	2.16
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	64.30	67.66	+ 0.44	0.47
Fund of Funds Inc	58.05	61.27†	+ 0.10	0.85
North America Inc	46.75	49.32	- 0.16	0.53
UK Equity Grth Inc	56.09	61.31	- 0.10	2.04
UK General Inc	56.51	59.64	- 0.12	2.52
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.60	48.02†	- 0.20	7.31
UK Income Inc	56.54	59.67†	- 0.66	3.02
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000 Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	221.62	235.77†	- 0.35	3.73
Global	336.75	356.25	- 0.82	1.03
General	185.85	197.72†	+ 0.21	2.16
Bond	118.05	125.34	- 0.40	7.09
Growth	122.29	130.10	- 0.12	2.62
Intrepid	116.65	123.60	...	1.70
Bridge Fund	85.54	91.00	...	...
Distributor	89.63	95.36	- 0.01	3.92
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	122.30	130.09	+ 0.12	1.83
Uk Equity	137.04	145.79	- 0.03	2.86
UK Equity Income	129.50	137.77	- 0.08	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	117.42	124.92†	- 0.06	1.60
UK Equity Growth	126.51	134.59	- 0.17	2.19
UK Index Trckg	136.77	145.50	- 0.44	3.45
Intl Index Trckg	146.00	155.32	- 0.16	1.05
International	237.12	252.26	+ 0.85	0.37
European	195.59	208.07†	+ 0.59	0.21
Pan European	131.97	140.39	+ 0.85	1.27
Nth American	156.97	166.99	- 0.53	0.59
N Amer Smlr Cos	174.11	185.22†	- 0.87	...
Japanese	108.04	114.94†	+ 0.13	...
Pacific	249.05	264.95	- 2.02	0.07
South East Asian	267.41	284.48	- 2.24	0.34
Intl Bond	127.60	135.67†	- 0.30	4.97
Gilt & Convertible	100.54	106.88†	+ 0.59	6.75
Property	86.89	92.44	- 0.03	4.96
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	234.20	249.10	- 0.70	2.43
Growth	151.10	159.00	- 0.30	2.53
Income	235.90	250.90	- 0.80	3.41
Intl Equity	255.50	271.70	+ 0.10	0.71
UK Income	64.61	66.73†	- 0.26	3.27
UK Intl 25	78.17	83.15	- 0.19	1.82
New Europe	81.23	86.41	+ 0.42	0.10
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	606.23	646.36	+ 5.11	0.45
Income	324.37	346.93	+ 1.67	3.30
Wwide Recovery	386.48	413.35	+ 4.27	0.23
Amer Growth Inc	212.38	227.15	+ 1.56	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	249.75	267.12	+ 2.12	0.13
Far Estn Grth Inc	306.11	327.40	+ 1.41	0.14
Euro Gwth Inc	145.24	155.34	+ 1.95	0.66
UK Growth Inc	82.45	88.19	+ 0.46	2.74
High Income	89.39	95.61†	+ 0.40	4.21
Jap Gwth Inc	260.72	277.58	- 2.10	0.01
PEP Growth	119.17	127.46	+ 1.18	0.81
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	129.99	139.03	- 3.06	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	122.87	131.42	- 0.27	0.01
Global Bond	55.44	58.39	+ 0.30	5.73
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.06	83.49†	+ 0.10	1.20
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 201 3927				
American	97.23	103.44	+ 0.46	...
European	70.80	75.32	- 0.08	...
Global	67.37	71.67	+ 0.06	...
Pacific	68.16	72.51	+ 0.22	...
UK Inc & Grth	63.91	67.99	+ 0.12	2.04
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	98.19	104.54	- 0.40	0.03
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	158.25	166.58†	+ 0.28	0.04
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.66	61.14	- 0.49	2.59
Growth Income	62.46	66.20	- 0.07	1.79
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	127.75	135.91	- 0.85	1.73

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	91.57	97.42†	- 0.61	3.19
Conv & Gilt	115.90	123.31	- 3.00	5.92
European Income	77.16	82.08	- 0.71	2.71
Extra Income	150.30	159.90†	- 0.30	3.66
Far East	427.10	454.40	- 1.80	0.25
Global Income	25.99	27.54†	- 0.03	4.44
High Income	115.60	123.00	...	3.44
International	214.90	228.60	- 0.20	0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	41.93	44.61†	- 0.06	7.30
Recovery	75.60	80.41	- 0.16	2.27
Special Sits	104.70	111.40	- 2.50	1.27
Technology	298.40	317.50	+ 2.90	...
UK Blue Chip	68.10	72.43	- 0.01	2.86
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	51.35	54.63	- 0.59	2.15
International	92.73	98.65	- 0.61	0.36
Gilt	24.11	24.86	- 0.18	6.54
Income & Gwth	69.57	73.99	- 2.63	5.40
European	53.91	57.35	+ 0.24	0.41
American	52.27	55.61†	+ 0.21	...
Emerging Mkts	38.32	40.86†	+ 0.43	1.05
UK Smaller Cos	29.42	31.29	- 0.05	2.24
Gilt/Fixed Interest	25.01	26.63	- 0.01	6.64
Global PEP	39.69	42.44	- 0.46	1.16
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	272.50	292.60	+ 1.30	0.76
Japan Inc	121.90	130.20	+ 0.20	...
Nth American Inc	103.20	111.60	- 0.50	0.12
Worldwide Inc	168.70	181.40	...	0.70
Hong Kong Inc	151.40	162.60†	- 0.20	0.20
Swiss Equities Inc	65.98	70.41	- 0.71	0.30
Wwide Bond Inc	59.65	63.09	- 0.08	5.51
Emging Asia Inc	213.60	231.60	+ 1.30	0.42
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.00	50.00†	- 0.40	4.40
Thailand Inc	163.50	176.10	+ 1.10	0.75
Gold Trust Inc	78.00	85.25†	- 1.41	0.15
New Zealand Inc	86.35	92.80	+ 0.05	1.16
Int Mngd PEP Inc	65.63	70.95	+ 0.06	1.70
Latin Am Cmp Inc	83.91	90.40	+ 0.99	0.03
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	56.70	60.86	- 0.07	2.22
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	80.46	86.05	...	1.47
Global Portfolio	72.62	77.67	+ 0.14	...
Global Opps	74.26	79.42	- 0.01	0.43
Marsh Global Gnh	70.08	74.32	+ 0.22	1.83
AAM Global Equity	55.54	59.08	- 0.13	0.78
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	86.05	92.75	+ 0.06	0.96
CAM Int Recvy Inc	44.67	46.90	...	1.04
Temple Equity Inc	45.16	49.29†	- 0.06	2.92
Hartley Growth	74.73	79.50	- 0.03	0.58
Intl Growth Inc	84.61	90.49	+ 0.04	1.45
IPS Portfolio Inc	87.29	93.47	...	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.17	48.61	- 0.25	2.65
Premier Pnfns Inc	67.43	72.12†	- 0.06	0.92
Roxburgh Stral Gth	73.35	78.48	+ 0.07	0.34
Tech Analysis	102.10	108.60	- 0.10	0.31
Rosebery Growth	46.49	50.40	- 1.56	...
International Stral	77.97	83.28	+ 0.27	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	55.09	59.11	+ 0.08	...
Coverdale Topout	51.66	55.81	+ 0.09	...
Prem Equity Inc	106.70	114.40	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	49.27	50.81†	+ 0.16	1.12
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	167.60	178.30	- 0.80	1.28
European Gth	99.06	104.60	- 0.60	0.15
Income & Gth	132.30	140.70	- 0.90	2.70
Japan Gth	133.40	141.20	- 1.30	...
Nth Amer Gth	112.10	119.30	- 0.30	0.16
Overseas Gth	90.54	96.25	- 0.17	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	36.68	39.22	- 0.09	1.49
Cash Haven Inc	101.48	101.96	- 0.02	3.73
Cash Haven Acc	109.45	109.99	- 0.03	3.73
Dist Trust Inc	93.56	100.05†	- 0.02	4.37
Dist Trust Acc	94.52	101.09†	- 0.03	4.37
Global Growth	86.03	94.14†	+ 0.03	1.17
Equity Inc	80.80	86.41	- 0.40	3.66
Equity	699.75	748.39	- 1.62	2.81
European	213.44	226.27	- 1.67	0.73
High Income	85.89	91.86†	- 0.36	4.95
Intl Grth	182.75	195.45†	+ 0.43	0.64
Intl Sm Co	80.27	85.85	+ 0.18	0.38
Japanese	241.61	258.40	+ 0.77	...
Nth Amer	157.46	169.21	- 0.91	1.80
Pacific Mkts	106.10	113.47†	+ 1.29	0.74
Premier Inc	46.20	48.09†	+ 0.03	4.66
Sm Cos	87.97	94.08	+ 0.11	1.49
Spec Sits	105.43	112.75†	- 0.09	2.45
UK Growth	118.83	127.09	...	2.58
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	299.40	317.60	- 1.30	3.21
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bolman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	95.57	101.40	...	2.06
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	490.20	522.06†	- 3.80	0.52
FA America (Acc)	574.32	611.64	- 4.46	0.52
FA UK Equity Inc	153.23	163.35	- 0.67	3.52
FA Japan	296.21	315.49	+ 0.15	...
FA Major UK Cos	92.17	98.14†	- 0.36	2.38
FA Smllr UK Cos	291.53	317.66	- 0.50	0.91
FA European	321.80	339.97	+ 1.15	0.47
FA Amer Smllr Cos	42.71	45.78	- 0.34	...
FA Asia	50.78	54.08	+ 0.39	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	61.59	65.94	- 0.01	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	91.77	96.59	- 0.31	...
UK Smllr Cos	83.31	87.69	- 0.18	...
UK Income	90.03	94.76	- 0.48	...
America	98.52	103.70	- 0.71	...
Japanese	65.07	68.49	+ 0.07	...
European	102.26	107.63	+ 0.41	...
Gilt	82.94	87.30	+ 0.18	...
Deposit	81.16	85.45	- 0.04	...
Managed	96.60	101.67	- 0.11	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	89.43	94.13	- 0.29	...
UK Smaller Cos	81.49	85.77	- 0.17	...
UK Income	87.91	92.53	- 0.46	...
America	96.01	101.06	- 0.70	...
Japanese	63.44	66.77	- 0.06	...
European	99.72	104.96	- 0.40	...
Gilt	81.81	86.11	+ 0.03	...
Deposit	77.43	81.50	+ 0.03	...
Managed	91.55	96.36	- 0.18	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	73.65	79.66	+ 0.58	0.11
Pacific Basin	87.65	94.05	+ 0.37	...
High Inc Dist	125.60	134.30	+ 0.70	4.96
Ryl Life Intl Cnry	58.29	61.97	+ 0.21	3.63
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	69.73	74.40†	+ 0.17	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	65.82	70.01	+ 0.36	...
UK Emerging Cos	122.00	131.80	- 0.90	1.17
UK Index Trckg	159.30	169.70	- 5.00	3.24
European	129.30	138.70	- 0.30	0.29
Managed	145.00	155.90	+ 0.60	0.82
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	142.40	150.70†	+ 0.60	0.37
European Growth	112.90	119.30	- 0.10	0.87
Far East Growth	134.00	142.60†	- 0.20	0.31
Japan Growth	155.10	165.00	- 1.10	...
Special Sits	190.40	202.50	- 0.60	1.25
UK Growth	74.47	79.22†	- 0.51	2.37
Triton General	241.00	256.40	- 0.30	0.64
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	179.20	189.60	+ 0.30	0.31
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	343.30	363.30	- 1.30	0.33
Growth Inc	133.40	141.20	- 0.30	0.45
International Inc	341.20	361.10	- 0.90	0.24
Nth Am & Intl Inc	312.40	330.60	- 3.30	0.06
UK Gen Prog Inc	210.60	223.10	- 0.20	0.92
UK High Inc Inc	131.40	139.01	- 0.30	3.91
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	62.12	66.06	+ 0.64	...
Amer Smllr Cos	76.89	81.79	+ 1.35	...
Asian Gwth	117.36	124.85	- 1.36	0.75
European Gwth	70.35	74.84	+ 0.77	1.00
Global Bd	56.66	62.01	+ 0.16	5.00
Global Eq	68.38	72.74	+ 0.58	0.50
Japanese Eq	64.00	67.06	+ 0.66	...
Japan Sml Cos	75.48	80.29	+ 0.63	...
UK Gen	52.65	56.01	+ 0.14	2.80
UK Gwth	57.37	61.03	+ 0.19	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	66.61	70.86	- 0.66	4.23
Amer Smllr Cos	101.60	108.10	- 0.50	...
Asian Smaller Cos	50.99	54.24	- 0.67	...
Capital Portfolio	124.50	132.40	- 0.70	2.31
Capital	163.30	173.70	...	0.41
Cash	123.70	123.70	...	4.34
China Dragon	66.27	70.50	+ 0.52	0.35
Commodity	133.50	142.00	- 1.60	0.51
Eastern Discovery	111.80	118.90	- 0.70	...
Energy Inds	130.70	139.00	- 0.60	0.36
European Gwth	192.40	204.70	+ 1.60	0.03
Euro Inc & Gwth	78.17	83.16†	- 0.31	1.97
Euro Smllr Cos	53.23	56.63	+ 0.10	...
Financial Secs	193.00	205.30	- 0.40	0.50
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.29	50.96	- 0.03	8.80
Gold & Exploration	84.92	90.34	- 1.76	...
High Return	223.00	237.20†	- 0.80	4.22
High Yield	223.40	237.70	- 0.50	3.94
Income	117.10	124.60†	- 2.60	4.41
Intl Bond	162.30	171.50	- 0.50	6.25
ITU	207.40	220.60	+ 0.10	0.86
Japan Growth	196.20	208.70	- 1.20	...
Japan Smaller	226.80	241.30	- 1.20	...
Korea	75.61	80.44	- 1.16	...
Masterfund	56.63	60.24	- 0.23	0.55
Scotbits	288.40	306.80†	- 0.50	0.77
Scotshares	281.70	299.70	- 1.40	2.59
Scotyields	239.10	254.40	- 0.80	3.54
Select Intl	147.10	156.50	...	0.44
Smaller Cos Inc	254.40	270.60	+ 0.40	3.12
SE Asia	596.30	634.40	+ 4.10	...
Special Situation	121.30	129.00	- 0.50	0.16
UK Equity	236.60	251.90†	- 0.50	3.00
UK Growth	61.99	65.95	- 0.30	1.59
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	47.71	50.75	+ 0.04	0.69
US Growth	141.20	150.20	- 0.80	0.42
Univ Growth	145.90	155.20	+ 0.10	0.69
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	243.91	259.44	+ 0.51	0.78
European Gwth	75.67	80.78	+ 0.23	0.89
Euro Smllr Cos	77.32	82.47	+ 0.37	0.11
Far Eastern Gth	101.69	108.46†	+ 0.65	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.51	52.20	+ 0.31	7.41
Global Bond	49.47	51.13†	- 0.02	6.33
Global Emer Mkts	56.73	60.51	+ 0.72	...
Income	346.06	369.13	- 1.33	3.82
Japan Smllr Cos	578.50	617.16†	+ 1.35	...
Japan Enterprise	77.57	82.74	+ 0.15	...
Pacific Gwth	137.33	146.48†	+ 2.14	0.16
Seoul	54.21	58.31	- 0.34	...
Smaller Cos	208.82	222.74	- 0.61	0.72
Tokyo	135.67	144.71	+ 0.30	...
UK Enterprise	245.36	261.71†	+ 0.24	2.34
UK Equity	232.83	248.35†	+ 0.44	2.83
US Smllr Cos	145.08	157.45	+ 1.50	...
World Fd	79.33	84.61†	- 0.70	1.80
Institutional Funds				
European	230.47	246.32†	+ 1.57	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	30.17	31.42	+ 0.15	1.47
Global Equity Inc	76.54	81.91	+ 0.16	0.67
Japan Smllr Cos	45.07	48.04†	- 0.09	...
Mngd Balanced	182.79	191.43	+ 0.02	2.60
Overseas Equity	192.99	201.07†	+ 0.44	0.41
Oseas Smllr Cos	130.61	136.05	+ 0.06	0.31
Pacific	259.56	269.33	+ 4.01	0.85
Recovery	£18.65	£19.42	- 1.43	2.69
UK Index	150.41	156.67	- 0.34	3.29
UK Small Cos	115.06	119.55	+ 0.04	2.35
US Smllr Cos	42.75	44.53	+ 0.35	0.56

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.55	51.71	- 0.11	3.19
Equity Trust	59.44	63.24	- 0.27	2.26
Equity Strategy	67.21	71.58	+ 0.07	1.34
European Opps	85.96	94.72	+ 0.84	0.67
UK Smaller Cos	62.23	66.27	+ 0.02	1.16
Maximum Inc	99.48	102.05	+ 0.02	4.00
Japanese	89.71	95.53	+ 0.41	...
Asia Pacific	131.06	139.60	+ 0.63	0.15
American	99.03	105.47	- 0.07	0.52
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	50.32	50.32	...	4.90
UK General Inc	50.14	53.48	- 1.04	2.77
Intl Income	290.00	309.10	- 1.20	0.91
European	80.94	85.62†	+ 0.55	1.16
Japan	76.36	80.95	- 0.55	0.05
American	63.94	67.94	- 0.29	2.01
Far East	92.07	98.21†	+ 0.28	0.76
Ethical Inc	30.04	32.13†	- 0.06	2.16
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.50	34.67	- 0.53	2.91
High Inc Inc	35.86	38.30†	- 0.14	3.67
UK Global Inc	40.62	43.31	- 0.34	1.56
Wwide Tact	75.79	80.96†	- 0.07	0.79
Europe 2000 Tact	54.50	57.77†	- 0.33	1.33
Technology	98.71	105.07	- 0.01	1.05
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	364.10	394.20	- 0.90	2.48
American	251.70	267.70	- 0.10	0.39
Pacific	419.80	449.40	+ 3.60	0.36
European	545.30	583.20	+ 3.60	1.12
Worldwide	90.00	96.26	+ 0.47	0.62
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	266.70	282.70†	- 0.40	2.21
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	196.00	207.50†	- 0.30	1.56
Select Oppnty Inc	65.73	70.30	- 0.07	2.23
Income Plus Inc	71.78	76.37	...	3.74
European Inc	352.00	375.50	+ 2.20	1.07
Far Eastern Inc	184.10	195.90	+ 2.30	0.73
Japanese Inc	69.51	73.95	- 0.15	...
Nth American Inc	238.70	254.00	+ 0.30	0.57
Intl Growth Inc	206.50	219.70†	+ 0.60	0.74
Wwide Venture Inc	80.29	85.95	+ 0.47	0.69
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	361.10	385.10	- 2.00	2.79
UK High Inc	184.60	196.90	- 0.80	3.65
Europe Inc	353.30	376.80	- 0.91	0.39
Nth Amer Inc	207.20	220.90	- 1.60	0.16
Global Inc	210.80	224.90	- 0.30	0.44
UK Spec Sits Inc	99.66	106.30	- 0.20	3.10
South East Asia	238.00	253.80	- 0.90	0.32
Cash Trust Inc	100.60	100.60	+ 0.10	4.55
UK Smllr Cos Inc	103.90	110.80	- 1.00	2.02
Intl Bond Inc	90.29	95.66	...	6.19
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	153.60	161.30†	- 2.90	4.14
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	126.30	132.90†	+ 0.80	0.78
Nth American	99.06	104.30	+ 0.10	0.41
Intl Bond & Conv	123.90	130.40	- 0.30	5.75
Pooled Pension (E)	183.60	[illegible]	...	2.71
Smaller Cos	70.42	74.15	- 2.33	1.25
UK General	123.60	130.30	- 0.60	2.01
For Sheppards see Mayflower				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6326				
Amer Gth Fund‡	91.69	..	- 0.46	1.22
Aztec‡	103.10	..	- 0.39	0.0
European‡	126.10	..	- 0.69	0.0
Global Bond‡	96.64	..	+ 0.05	7.45
Samurai‡	102.60	..	- 0.19	0.0
UK Growth‡	103.90	..	...	2.3
Tai Pan‡	104.00	..	...	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGR 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	272.30	290.10	+ 0.60	0.52
Canadian	75.00	79.39	+ 0.43	0.09
Capital	128.70	138.00	+ 0.10	1.12
Cash	101.25	101.25	+ 0.01	4.77
European	135.40	143.30	...	0.64
Far Eastern	176.00	188.30	- 0.30	...
Growth	137.20	145.10	- 0.50	1.08
Income	129.50	137.00	- 0.70	4.57
Magnum	136.40	146.50†	+ 0.10	1.16
Smllr Secs	373.40	395.10	+ 0.60	0.84
Thoroughbred	156.70	170.40†	- 0.10	1.04
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	49.95	50.45	+ 0.01	4.00
Cntrld Prfmnce	55.69	59.08	- 1.25	8.00
Ethical	54.61	58.09	- 0.21	3.00
European Growth	74.43	79.39	...	2.30
Income	54.19	57.79	- 0.12	5.90
Intl Growth	101.00	107.70	- 0.30	2.60
Managed	81.92	87.38	+ 0.12	3.40
UK Growth	60.41	64.44	- 0.73	3.40
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	50.19	53.37	...	1.50
UK Equity Gth Acc	67.02	71.21	- 0.40	1.35
-do- High Inc Inc	36.49	38.79	- 0.20	3.60
-do- High Inc Acc	44.25	47.02	- 0.30	3.60
UK Equity Gen Acc	60.20	63.97	- 0.30	2.28
UK Equity Gen Inc	45.06	47.86	- 0.20	2.28
UK Lrgr Co Acc	418.60	454.20	- 2.10	3.56
UK Lrgr Co Inc	315.40	342.10	- 1.50	3.56
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.99	31.61	+ 0.20	6.13
Oseas Lrgr Co Acc	317.40	344.40	+ 0.40	1.51
Nth American Acc	43.24	45.95	- 0.30	0.89
Far East Acc	72.64	77.19	...	0.04
European Acc	52.71	56.01	+ 0.10	0.75
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 25 King Street, London SW1Y 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (N2S)	3.797	4.039	...	0.69
US Eqt (US$)	2.413	2.516	...	0.54
Far East Eqts (yen)	262.40	276.70	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	264.80	281.30	...	...
FT Europe	126.30	134.10	...	1.48
FT N Amer (US$)	1.723	1.822	...	0.79
FT Japan (yen)	240.30	255.20	...	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.504	2.654	...	0.66
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	345.50	366.60	- 0.20	0.06
British	£10.22	£10.82	- 1.10	3.36
Emging Mkts	165.00	175.70	...	0.16
European	545.60	581.10	+ 2.60	0.90
Japan	176.50	187.30	- 1.50	...
New Pacific	400.10	426.90	+ 2.60	0.66
Investment Tst	231.40	245.30	+ 0.10	1.33
Mngd Equity	172.80	182.80†	- 0.30	1.39
Mngd Cash	95.66	95.66†	- 0.03	4.35
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Equity	801.30	857.00	- 0.90	3.01
North America	121.50	129.90	- 0.70	0.49
Far East	158.10	169.10	- 0.40	...
Wwide Bond	57.13	60.65	+ 0.03	5.30
European	108.20	115.70	+ 0.70	0.11
Equity Income	89.63	95.86	- 0.34	4.21
Portfolio	85.42	91.56	- 0.04	0.94
UK Leading Cos	57.96	61.66	- 0.05	2.41
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	69.12	73.93†	+ 0.15	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	34.09	36.46	...	0.44
Managed Assets	125.43	134.16†	...	2.56
UK Income	39.30	42.04	...	3.41
UK Growth	38.68	41.37	...	2.68
Worldwide Growth	36.03	38.54	...	0.53
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	50.50	53.72	+ 0.12	0.15
Cap Protector Inc	42.27	45.21	- 0.13	2.44
UK Income Inc	50.45	53.96†	- 0.45	3.46
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.22	34.46	- 0.04	3.87
Mngd High Yld Inc	78.19	83.63†	- 1.42	4.41
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	74.11	79.26	- 0.69	3.33
Mngd Wwide Gth	37.43	40.03	+ 0.02	...
UK Smaller Cos	34.86	37.28	+ 0.04	1.56
Pacific Grth Port	49.18	52.60	+ 0.44	...
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	202.54	215.47†	- 0.94	...
Brit Growth	94.64	100.68	- 0.11	2.04
European	114.95	122.29	- 0.83	0.02
Extra Income	197.01	209.59	- 0.43	4.09
Smaller Cos	74.53	79.28	+ 0.03	1.24
General	282.13	300.14†	- 0.14	2.25
Premier Income	49.50	51.56†	+ 0.11	6.31
Income	337.61	359.16	- 0.58	3.69
Pacific	453.98	462.88†	- 1.27	...
International	566.25	602.39	- 0.34	0.12
Nat Resources	175.13	186.31	- 1.47	0.93
Sictd Opps	107.20	114.04	...	1.22
Environmental Inv	62.12	66.06	- 1.36	2.09
Selector	63.95	68.03	- 0.01	2.14
High Income	63.50	67.55†	- 0.14	4.50
Intl Income	58.21	61.95	- 0.02	4.83
Selector Income	60.92	64.81	- 0.04	4.92
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 667 1018				
British	324.60	341.60	- 0.50	2.93
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	201.35	215.35†	+ 0.64	1.59
Glob Balncd Inc	172.73	184.74	+ 0.26	2.98
Value Tst Inc	121.69	130.15	+ 0.23	1.49
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smllr Cos	61.63	65.73	+ 0.13	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	42.09	44.23	- 1.21	5.86
European Growth	280.24	297.69	+ 1.79	0.56
Exempt	513.91	537.86	+ 1.23	3.56
Global Em Mkts	106.67	113.76	+ 0.74	0.61
Iberian Growth	48.25	51.46	+ 1.01	0.02
Japan Tst	94.06	100.07	+ 0.31	...
Little Dragons	96.91	103.37	+ 1.01	...
Nth Amer Gwth	217.76	232.10†	+ 0.31	0.68
Oriental Income	49.89	52.21	+ 0.14	4.66
Preference	120.13	128.48	- 0.06	5.50
Tiger	291.91	311.37	+ 2.41	...
UK Blue Chip	61.06	65.22	- 0.07	3.03
UK Growth	501.63	536.50	- 0.64	2.21
UK High Yield	102.27	109.33	- 1.07	3.50
UK Mid-Cap	257.35	275.24	+ 0.12	1.96
UK Smllr Cos	101.32	109.69	+ 1.25	1.06
UK Smllr Cos Div	96.81	103.54	- 0.26	4.64
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	30.91	32.68	- 0.43	..
Pacific Basin	42.76	45.49	- 0.12	..
Can Balncd Gwth	27.66	29.44	- 0.21	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.91	- 0.00	6.04
Penny Share	31.98	34.02	+ 0.15	0.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462				
Challenger	91.26	93.37	- 0.02	...
Short Dtd Gilt	107.70	109.10	- 0.20	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	+ 0.00	...
Gilt Income	45.89	50.57	- 0.12	7.25
Gilt Growth	67.36	70.10	+ 0.03	...
City Reserve	52.73	52.73	...	4.50
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	77.73	82.69	+ 0.30	1.90

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	190.50	203.20	- 0.40	1.34
Eurotrack 100	156.40	166.20	- 1.20	1.04
Footsie Fund	51.04	53.91	- 0.03	2.43
Japan Index	88.09	94.01	+ 0.20	0.08
Tiger Index	211.80	226.00	+ 3.30	0.28
Trkle Index	114.30	122.00	- 0.10	1.79
UK Index	133.90	142.90†	- 0.10	2.99
Active Funds				
American Growth	453.00	483.50	- 2.10	0.15
Asian	58.30	62.22	+ 1.25	0.24
Capital	566.00	604.10	- 2.90	1.87
European Growth	115.80	123.00	+ 1.20	0.28
Global Bond	20.93	22.10†	- 0.03	6.70
Hong Kong Gwth	109.80	117.20	- 1.20	0.62
Income	545.90	582.60	- 1.80	3.74
Intl Growth	80.42	85.66†	+ 0.46	0.11
Japan Growth	323.60	345.30	+ 2.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	42.85	45.73	+ 0.21	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	76.47	81.61	+ 1.14	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 520300 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	59.26	63.38	+ 0.11	2.54
(Accum Units)	61.55	65.82	+ 0.11	2.54
British Tst	80.37	85.96	+ 0.08	1.95
(Accum Units)	92.40	98.82	+ 0.09	1.95
Extra High Inc	66.34	70.95†	- 0.16	6.36
(Accum Units)	124.80	133.40†	- 0.20	6.36
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.78	54.93	+ 0.31	7.08
(Accum Units)	148.20	154.30	+ 0.90	7.08
High Yield	218.40	233.60	- 0.60	5.01
(Accum Units)	533.50	570.50	- 1.60	5.01
Income	290.20	310.40	+ 2.0	3.27
(Accum Units)	620.40	663.50	+ 4.20	3.27
Money Market UT	49.28	49.28†	- 0.36	4.02
(Accum Units)	75.91	75.91†	...	4.02
Monthly Income	83.10	88.88†	- 0.12	5.65
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	95.60	101.70†	+ 0.10	1.93
European Growth	111.60	118.70†	+ 1.20	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	80.35	85.28†	+ 0.49	6.51
Income	83.14	88.45†	- 0.09	2.89
Japan Growth	61.19	65.10†	+ 0.51	...
Managed	66.51	70.76†	+ 0.13	2.48
Money Market	84.77	89.86†	+ 0.01	4.47
North American	83.80	89.15†	- 0.27	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	86.84	92.38†	+ 0.09	1.91
European Growth	105.00	111.70†	+ 1.0	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.56	81.25†	+ 0.46	6.47
Income	81.68	86.89†	- 0.10	2.95
Japan Growth	60.97	64.86†	+ 0.50	...
Managed	63.62	67.68†	+ 0.12	2.46
Money Market	78.33	83.03†	+ 0.01	4.43
North American	76.42	81.30†	- 0.34	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	86.96	92.51†	+ 0.08	1.90
European Growth	102.60	109.10†	+ 1.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	70.35	74.67†	+ 0.43	6.61
Income	80.86	86.02†	- 0.10	2.97
Japan Growth	62.45	66.44†	+ 0.52	...
Managed	66.65	70.90†	+ 0.13	2.45
Money Market	73.18	77.57†	...	4.49
North American	84.58	89.98†	- 0.27	0.47
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Smaller Cos	30.53	31.68	...	0.90
Special Features	31.33	32.52	- 0.06	1.75
(Accum Units)	37.62	39.04	- 0.08	1.75
General Funds				
Managed Invest	100.30	104.10	...	0.31
PEP Managed	71.52	74.23	- 0.05	2.68
Super Child Tst	81.24	84.32	- 0.22	2.31
UK Growth	58.55	60.77	- 0.12	2.49
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.69	50.69	+ 0.01	3.88
Cashbox (Acc)	58.08	58.08	+ 0.01	3.88
Extra Income	82.54	85.67†	- 0.14	5.36
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.58	26.47†	- 0.03	7.89
Income & Growth	39.40	40.89	- 0.13	3.44
UK Income	331.50	344.00	- 0.70	3.66
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	49.43	51.19	- 0.54	0.77
US Smaller Cos	101.60	105.40†	- 0.40	...
(Accum Units)	102.60	106.40†	- 0.60	...
Europe Perf	157.00	162.60	+ 0.90	...
(Accum Units)	162.30	168.10	+ 0.50	...
Euro Smaller Cos	29.38	30.49	+ 0.01	...
French Growth	79.55	82.57	+ 0.66	0.21
Accum Units	85.22	88.45	+ 0.69	0.21
H Kong & China	91.00	94.45	+ 3.56	1.53
Intl Growth	58.43	60.65	+ 0.07	0.47
Accum Units	58.72	60.95	+ 0.06	0.47
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Accum Units	38.34	39.79	+ 0.21	...
Japan Smaller Cos	50.14	52.04	+ 0.12	...
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Accum Units	113.90	118.20†	+ 1.90	...
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Overseas Income Funds				
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Contl Euro Gth	63.62	66.97	+ 0.37	0.85
-do- Acc	67.76	71.33	+ 0.39	0.85
Extra Inc	253.00	269.20	- 0.60	3.97
-do- Acc	642.20	683.20	- 1.40	3.97
German Gth	128.70	135.50	+ 0.80	0.30
-do- Acc	134.90	142.10	+ 0.80	0.30
Growth Port	543.30	578.00	- 0.80	0.14
-do- Acc	547.90	582.90	- 0.80	0.14
Income	479.90	510.60	- 1.50	3.78
-do- Acc	£12.69	£13.50	- 4.00	3.78
Income Port	505.80	538.10	- 0.80	4.22
-do- Acc	526.60	560.20	- 0.80	4.22
Japan Growth	119.20	126.90	- 0.40	...
-do- Acc	119.60	127.30	- 0.40	...
Master Trust	57.28	60.94†	- 0.03	1.35
-do- Acc	63.93	68.02	- 0.04	1.35
N American Gen	177.00	188.40	- 1.00	...
-do- Acc	204.50	217.60	- 1.10	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	129.70	138.00	- 0.90	...
-do- Acc	132.30	140.80	- 1.00	...
Pacific Basin	275.30	292.90	+ 5.70	0.28
-do- Acc	292.10	310.80	+ 6.20	0.28
Small Cos Rec	365.10	364.40	...	2.07
-do- Acc	483.60	509.10	- 0.10	2.07
UK Growth	84.29	89.68†	- 0.29	2.45
-do- Acc	101.20	107.70	- 0.40	2.45
Worldwide Gth	324.20	344.90	+ 0.30	0.28
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(Accum Units)	509.40	538.80	- 2.30	0.33
Amer Smllr Cos	122.40	129.40†	- 0.40	...
(Accum Units)	125.10	132.20	- 0.40	...
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(Accum Units)	206.00	216.80	+ 0.10	1.45
Capital	806.40	852.80†	- 0.80	2.18
(Accum Units)	916.10	968.90	- 0.40	2.18
Charifund	677.50	684.30†	- 3.00	5.41
(Accum Units)	£30.73	£31.04	- 13.10	5.41
Commodity	397.20	420.00†	- 2.34	0.28
(Accum Units)	562.40	615.80	- 3.30	0.28
Compound Grth	917.80	970.60	- 2.80	2.62
(Accum Units)	949.80	£10.04	- 2.90	2.62
Dividend	39.20	41.50	- 0.20	4.26
(Accum Units)	161.10	170.60	- 0.60	4.26
Equity Income	342.70	362.40†	- 0.40	4.77
(Accum Units)	436.20	461.20	- 0.10	4.77
Euro & General	514.90	544.50†	+ 3.10	0.84
(Accum Units)	650.10	687.40	+ 3.90	0.84
Euro Dividend	71.20	75.30†	+ 0.30	3.40
(Accum Units)	84.90	89.80	+ 0.40	3.40
Extra Yield	411.20	434.80	- 1.60	4.54
(Accum Units)	£12.47	£13.19	- 5.00	4.54
Far Eastern	376.40	398.00	- 1.30	0.38
(Accum Units)	497.30	525.90	- 1.80	0.38
Fund of Inv Tsts	608.40	643.40	- 0.30	1.70
(Accum Units)	£11.27	£11.92	- 0.60	1.70
General	59.30	62.70†	- 0.20	3.72
(Accum Units)	165.50	172.90	- 0.60	3.72
Gilt Income	58.11	56.21†	+ 0.23	7.40
(Accum Units)	156.61	156.88	+ 0.59	7.40
Gold	68.70	72.60†	- 1.40	0.66
(Accum Units)	81.10	85.70	- 1.60	0.66
High Income	27.90	29.50	- 0.10	4.52
(Accum Units)	109.80	116.40	- 0.30	4.52
Intl Growth	78.80	83.30†	- 0.10	0.83
(Accum Units)	137.20	145.10	- 0.20	0.83
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Researchers study launch prospects

BY DEREK HARRIS

SINCE 1980, the greatest growth area offering the best chance of launching a new business has been the services sector. Hence, delving more deeply to see which service businesses have been the most notable performers could be especially constructive for those seeking to launch themselves into business.

This is being done by Cambridge University's Small Business Research Centre whose latest study* has just been published by the Small Business Research Trust. Although there has been expansion in small service firms overall, some service sectors have seen a relative decline, while expansion elsewhere has been selective and primarily in those services that sell to producers and other businesses rather than directly to consumers.

This pattern was apparent when the researchers investigated small businesses operating in the advertising and market research sector. But a cautionary aspect also emerged: although the birth rate of the smallest agencies was high, so was the death rate. Among market researchers operating in 1980 with up to five employees, about 90 per cent had ceased trading by 1990.

Research showed that the number of advertising and market research firms in Britain doubled during the 1980s and the early 1990s to peak at close to 10,000. The smallest (annual sales of £1 million or less) accounted for 42 per cent of total turnover and for more than 75 per cent of growth. As a sector, advertising and market research got through the first three recessionary years of this decade "reasonably well", according to the researchers. There was a 4 per cent growth in numbers, thanks mainly to the resilience of the smallest agencies.

Entry costs for the newcomer to the sector are low, usually financed from personal savings (about 70 per cent), by the banks (about 20 per cent) or from redundancy payments (about 10 per cent).

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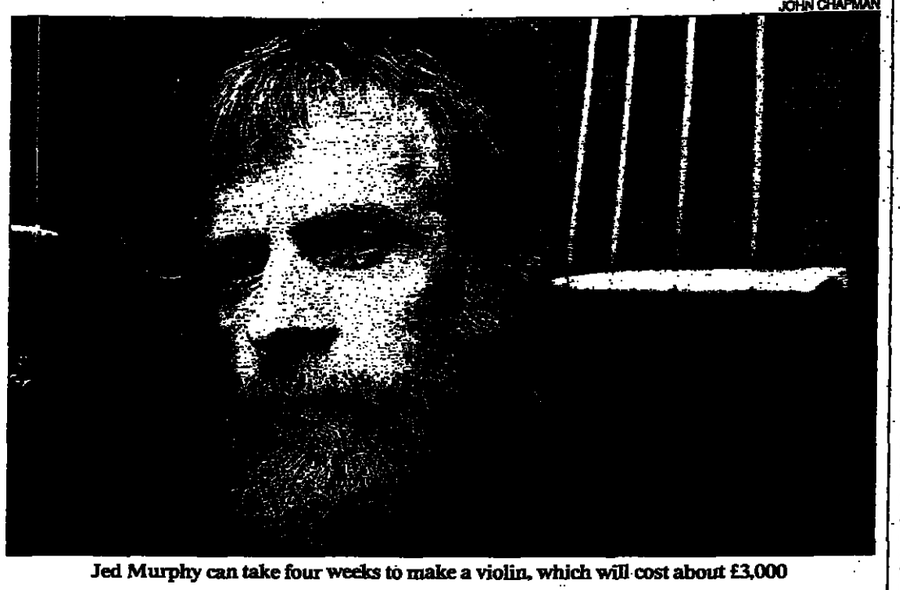


"They're calculated on the basis of if you have a small business, we'll rip you off"

Hitting the right musical note

BY RODNEY HOBSON

JOHN CHAPMAN



Jed Murphy can take four weeks to make a violin, which will cost about £3,000

IT COULD be Baker Street as the sounds of a violin float soothingly from an upstairs window. But this is Neasden, some miles north-west of the Marylebone haunt associated with Sherlock Holmes. The man with the violin is Jed Murphy, and he has just finished making it. Mr Murphy has been making violins, violas and cellos for nine years. Before that, he was a freelance musician, playing for several years with a blue grass band. He has performed on radio and television.

When he set up his own business, he was able to call on his training in science and woodwork at technical college as well as his musical prowess. He says: "Making instruments brings together all the things I like: science, wood, art and music. It is not, as many people think, a craft as much as it is a science."

The violin begins life as a log. The back, sides and neck are made from maple and the front from spruce. He says: "The wood has got to be selected very carefully. It should be at least 20 years old, but I prefer to use 40-year-old wood."

His supplies of maple come from central Europe rather than Canada because European maple grows more slowly and is, therefore, of better quality. Unfortunately, supplies have been disrupted by the fighting in Bosnia.

The work is painstaking and requires tools such as small planes and metal scrapers from a specialist supplier. Varnish is mixed carefully, the product of years of research. The type sold in shops would ruin the sound of the instruments, he says. A violin can take four weeks to make, a cello five.

"It is very satisfying when it all comes together and produces a good sound after you have been labouring over the wood for four weeks," he says. A violin costs up to £3,000 and most buyers are professionals or amateur musicians playing in orchestras, who usually find Mr Murphy through word of mouth. About 70 per cent of his work is in carrying out repairs.

He says: "The sound from a good violin will improve with age because the wood crystallises and that is ideal for resonance. However, we have a way of speeding up the ageing process by using ultraviolet rays. In two days you can age a violin 200 years. But a poor violin will never improve with age."

Mr Murphy was trained by two prominent violin makers. He says: "At first, I was very concerned about getting the measurements right, but over the years I have learnt to work by feel and eye. So many people get bogged down in getting the measurements exactly right and end up making indifferent instruments. They approach violin making as if they were making a table or a chair. I can go to an auction and look at the proportions of a violin and I can tell by looking at it how it is going to sound."

BRIEFINGS

A GUIDE to the Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS), introduced in the last Budget, has been published by the Department of Trade and Industry. The EIS allows for first-time investors in a business, while enjoying tax benefits, to become fully paid active directors. The guide was written by Chilton Taylor, a partner in Baker Tilly, a London accountancy firm. Eligible companies can raise up to £1 million a year through the EIS. Cash providers can invest up to £100,000 a year and get 20 per cent tax relief. Investment is free of capital gains tax if held for five years. The guide is free from the DTI Small Firms Division, Level 2, St Mary's House, Moorfoot, Sheffield, S1 4PQ, or Baker Tilly on 071-413 5100.

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☐ Ninety per cent of small and medium-sized manufacturers are carrying out some form of training either in-house or externally, the Engineering Council found in a new survey. There is a comparative dearth of engineers at all levels, said the council.

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VISUAL ART: In New York **Richard Cork** reviews a Picasso blockbuster; plus the new shows in London

Inspired by the love of fine women



One of Picasso's most lacerating canvases: the *Weeping Woman* of 1937, from the Tate Gallery, is the centrepiece of the New York show

The more we discover about Picasso's tortuous relationships with women, the closer we come to the starting-point for many of his finest pictures. Mistresses and wives constantly ignited his turbulent imagination. Ecstatic portraits celebrating each new love were followed, all too soon, by images of jealousy, hatred and alienation. After his first marriage deteriorated into open hostility, Picasso's art became more obsessed than ever with the women who excited his loathing and love. They dominated his work from the late 1920s until the Second World War, but until now their full significance has never been explored with the clarity it deserves.

A powerful New York exhibition proves how rewarding such a survey can be. On view at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where it has become the most heavily attended summer show for 16 years, "Picasso and the Weeping Women" takes an illuminating look at three sharply contrasted individuals caught up in his volatile affections.

The exhibition takes its name from one of Picasso's most lacerating canvases: the *Weeping Woman* in the Tate's collection. But the emotions displayed at the Met are far more various than the survey's over-simplified title suggests. The viewer is wrenched from rapture to pain and back again. We are drawn right into the vortex of Picasso's amorous entanglements.

The first images are quiet enough. Five portraits of Olga Koklova, the Russian dancer who had become his first wife in 1918, convey no hint of the tumult to come. They are placid drawings and etchings, outlining Olga's dignified features in a calm neo-classical idiom. Picasso's son Paulo was born in 1921, and the advent of this first child seems to have bolstered the stability of the artist's marriage.

But not for long. By 1927, Olga's vanity and social pretensions had led to an unbridgeable rift. Picasso had been content, for a while, to adopt the life she favoured. Her possessiveness, however, clashed with his volcanic temperament. He met a 17-year-old French schoolgirl called Marie-Thérèse Walter, who soon became his mistress. Their passionate affair was perhaps the happiest and most sexually gratifying of all his relationships with women. It was certainly the least complicated.

He came to see his wife Olga as a screaming head, most starkly in a large 1928-29 canvas where the artist's studio becomes an arena for a macabre encounter. Dominating the centre of the canvas, an outlined face takes the form of a writhing, vicious female. With demented eyes, predatory teeth and spiky hair, this wild apparition opens her mouth in a devouring yell. She is a vengeful creature, and the source of her rage is seen as a shadow on the wall alongside. The silhouette resembles Marie-Thérèse, who looks placid but threatens to engulf the insanely distorted head.

The onset of the 1930s initiated a prolonged series of paintings and sculpture celebrating Picasso's liaison with the blonde, voluptuous Marie-Thérèse. They are blissful images, and show Picasso at his most erotic, conveying an uninhibited delight in the ripe, often billowing forms of his acquiescent lover. Picasso's formidable aggression was

> "We are drawn right into the vortex of his many amorous engagements"

held in abeyance while he produced these rapturous works. Tenderness is their prevailing mood, and Marie-Thérèse's innate tranquillity is superbly conveyed in a large painting called *The Dream*. Resting on an ample, upraised shoulder, the young woman savours an untroubled sleep. The plump beads of a necklace undulate as they travel over her body, and the clangorous wallpaper behind does nothing to disrupt her equanimity.

The sense of fulfilment in Picasso's tributes to Marie-Thérèse is overwhelming. It helps to account for the consistently high quality of his art in the early 1930s. The eagerness with which he responded to her presence is impetuously expressed in *The Painter's Studio*, where the artist grins like a satyr as he gazes down at the generous proportions of the stretched-out woman.

Such equilibrium could not last indefinitely. An alarming prophecy of the disturbance ahead can be found in a 1934 pencil drawing called *Murder*. Here, in a claustrophobic room with a raftered ceiling pressing down on its inhabitants, lies a sleeping woman clearly identifiable as Marie-Thérèse. She is about to be stabbed by a screaming grotesque, who has hurtled through the door and aims a hefty kitchen knife at her victim's throat. Her maniacal face and horribly protruding tongue link this demon with the earlier heads of Olga. It is as if Picasso feared that the idyll with Marie-Thérèse might be destroyed by his wife's hunger for revenge.

In the event, though, the agent of change was not Olga. In 1936, only a year after Marie-Thérèse had borne him a daughter called Maya, Picasso met Dora Maar. Paris-born but fluent in Spanish, she offered him an intellectual stimulus he cannot have experienced with either of his previous two relationships. Nervous, sophisticated and an adventurous photographer, Dora makes a striking debut in his art soon afterwards. Her dark, stylish and more angular features contrast with Marie-Thérèse, whose face finally appears guarded in a 1936 portrait drawing.

Only a few months later, Picasso became immersed in the grandest and most ambitious painting of his career. Dora documented with her camera the successive transformations undergone by *Guernica*, his great mural for the Spanish Pavilion at the 1937 International Exhibition in Paris. Her photographs add up to an invaluable record of the painting's progress, and at the same time Picasso drew an extended sequence of weeping women based on Dora's head.

With them, we arrive at the convulsive heart of this show. Although the motif of a woman with a handkerchief was not used in *Guernica* itself, Picasso explored it voraciously through an abundance of vehement paintings, drawings and prints. Sometimes, as in a canvas lent by the Prado, the handkerchief seems to explode from the woman's eye like an onrush of tears. Elsewhere, especially in a jagged painting owned by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the handkerchief resembles a distended bag, heavy with the salt water shed by its inconsolable owner.

Then, as though bent on intensifying the image to an unbearable degree, Picasso embarked on a commanding suite of prints. Using etching, aquatint and drypoint, he started with a skeletal outline of the sobbing woman. In five later states of the same print, she gradually acquires more substance. The initial phantom grows into a flesh-and-blood sufferer before assuming in the end the solid, immutable grief of a head chiselled from rock.

A lesser artist might well have been satisfied with the finality of this culminating print. But in October 1937, Picasso produced another painting which gives the weeping woman an even more devastating force than before. Lent by the Tate, this small yet fiercely concentrated canvas is his densest statement of the theme. The sharp-edged handkerchief has now become fused with the fingers of her right hand, and both in their turn pierce the woman's face. Indeed, every inch of the unusually thick pigment is punctured by stabbing marks. The pupils of her eyes are transformed into slashing crosses, and a nail-like form signifies the furrow lancing towards her nose.

This is a secular Woman of Sorrows, heavy with memories of mourners in Depositions painted by masters of the past. Her misery has been widened from Dora's sadness until it becomes a universal icon of trauma and bereavement. Memorialising a year of savage internecine conflict in the artist's native country, it also presages the distress endured by so many women in the imminent struggle against Hitler. Private anguish takes on the significance of public tragedy, proving that Picasso's amorous upheavals ultimately helped him to define the agony of a world on the edge of war.

● *Picasso and the Weeping Women at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, until September 4*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

Apart from a few miniature grotesques, humour in sculpture is quite rare. Andrew Burton is exceptional: nobody doubts his seriousness as an artist, or his technical skill as a modeller, but at the same time a whimsical and eccentric streak keeps breaking through. Now 33, he has been showing regularly since winning the sculpture prize in the Tyne-Tees Northern Open 11 years ago. Judging from his style it is a matter of pure chance that he has shown more in the context of, say, the RA summer exhibitions than the more fashionable avant-garde venues favoured by Barry Flanagan.

Most of Burton's immediately recognisable images are of animals with strange excrescences, mostly architectural, so that an elephant has a smoking factory chimney growing out of its head, a pig carries two bird-topped towers, or oxen carry a spiral Tower of Babel. The effect is surreal, at once funny and disturbing. Burton is also interested in the exotic architecture of Oriental observatories — he has spent time working in India — and some of his more ambitious pieces are architecture-based abstractions. The works in his current London show all date from the last five years, and look well in the politically neutral environment of the RIBA's Sculpture Court.

RIBA, 88 Portland Pl, W1 (071-580 5533) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until Sept 5

☐ Every summer, when most art dealers close down for a month, Annely Juda, the premier gallery for classic abstraction, brings out new acquisitions to put on a well-thought-out, immaculately documented major show. This year's is called *Line and Movement*, which sounds, quite correctly, at once austere and lively. Juda has always been interested in geometrical abstraction, and a believer in its ability to open up an alternative world of experience: what Malevich called the "non-objective world". For artists such as Mondrian, Gabo, or Moholy-Nagy the isle is full of noises, resonances from the great beyond, and anyone who expects these works to be as unchallenging as a carpet design is in for a rude awakening. What untold energies are barely confined in Mondrian's severe rectilinear compositions, diversified with primary colours; while Moholy-Nagy is always in action, from the early abstraction of an industrial landscape (1919) to the late fantasia in Plexiglas (1946). Sculpture is represented most hauntingly by Gabo's 1950s and 1960s delicate constructions in nylon and Perspex suggesting now television's moving tracks of light, now the undulating draperies of Loie Fuller.

Annely Juda Fine Art, 23 Dering St, W1 (071-629 7578) Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until Sept 17.

☐ One of the more distinguished artists left gallery-less by the departure of Fischer Fine Art was John Hubbard, so it is pleasing to see that he has found a haven at Purdy-Hicks. Hubbard has been rigorously consistent in exploring the borderline between recognisable landscape and complete abstraction, and with each show he has pushed a little deeper into unexplored territory. This latest is no exception. It begins with a mini-retrospective of work since 1981, in which the perceptual basis of his art can be seen coming in and out of focus, as the (one presumes) rocks, trees and leafage which inspired these subtly coloured patchworks become defined and then retreat. Then there are the recent works, results of a painting expedition to Craignish, in which we move into long shot, with great vistas of cliffs and sea. Still nothing is there for sure, but Hubbard does once or twice relent sufficiently to offer an unmistakable horizon, without losing the visionary gleam.

Purdy-Hicks Gallery, Jacobs Street Film Studio, Mill St, SE1 (071-237 6062) Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-3pm, until Aug 13

☐ Patrick Reyntiens was known for so long to the public as John Piper's creative other half in Piper's stained-glass work that it comes as a surprise to discover that he has a career and a style of his own. Now 69, Reyntiens shows subjects as various as flower-pieces dedicated to composers such as Fauré and Brahms, scenes from the life of St Paul, and the gestures of Kenneth Branagh as Quince in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He rightly observes that he is "primarily a painter rather than a designer in stained glass" and his work demands the scrutiny accorded a painting rather than the half-abstracted gaze that stained glass usually allows.

Bernard Becker Gallery, 1a Jerusalem Passage, Clerkenwell, EC1 (071-250 3042) Mon-Fri 9.30am-6pm, until Sept 1

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

PROMS 1994: Dame Ethel Smyth's Cornish opera is no masterpiece, but worthy of revival

Salty salvage of a dame's reputation

The Wreckers
Albert Hall/Radio 3

So now we know. Dame Ethel Smyth's *The Wreckers* is not the Great British Opera That Got Away. Its tragic aspirations are mocked by too many moments of rum-ti-tum banality. Passages of genuine power — even of vocal ecstasy when the lovers work up to the old "now we've kissed we can die happy" routine in Act II — are suddenly brought to a shuddering halt by some daft tinkle of glockenspiel, or a clodhoppingly inappropriate bit of jolly chorus. Or, more pervasively, by a failure of harmonic inspiration, so that a promising wave of Wagnerian passion collapses into a feeble Mendelssohnian cadence or the music-hall villainy of a diminished-seventh chord.

And yet I don't think that anybody — not even those indifferent to the current fashion for reassessing the achievement of women composers — left the Albert Hall on Sunday feeling that three hours had been wasted. Far less interesting operas than Dame Ethel's 1906 epic have been seen at Covent Garden and the Coliseum in recent years, so it does seem odd that *The Wreckers* has not been staged professionally in Britain since 1939.

Particularly since, by the standards of Romantic opera, it possesses a plot of compelling effectiveness — written by Dame Ethel's lover, Henry Brewster. Villagers in an 18th-century Cornish coastal community, gripped by a perverted religious zeal, conspire to lure ships onto the rocks by dousing the lighthouse beacon. They kill the crews and steal the cargo. But the minister's rebellious young wife and her lover bravely light a true flame (in more ways than one, of course), and are condemned to death.



Smyth: inspired moments

There is also a manhunt, a trial scene, an offstage church service intruding ironically upon dialogue, and a general feeling of people who "don't fit" being hounded to death. Sounds familiar? One can understand why some commentators have drawn briny parallels with Britten's *Peter Grimes*, written a few years after that Sadler's Wells production of *The Wreckers*. But the parallels are no more than coincidences. *The Wreckers* does not have a quarter of *Grimes*'s dramatic momentum, nor a tenth of Britten's musical individuality.

What it does have is a slowly-growing sense of integrity that culminates in a splendidly melodramatic final scene, where the incoming tide storms into the cave and drowns the imprisoned lovers — a kind of *Aida*-On-Sea. Most of the infelicities and miscalculations, particularly the operetta-ish songs for the jilted girlfriend, are in Act I. After the marvellously atmospheric seashore prelude to Act II, the opera seems much better focused. A producer with a gift for bold naturalism could bring it to life on stage.

If it had been conducted by somebody with more sense of Romantic rubato than Odaline de la Martinez, it might have come to life quicker here. She kept the BBC Philharmonic reasonably together in the big ensembles, but no feeling of theatre was allowed to pervade her pacing of the solo declamations, which had all the plod of minor Victorian oratorio.

Nevertheless, there was some exciting solo singing, particularly from the thrilling Anne-Marie Owens as the wilful wife, Judith Howarth as the jilted girlfriend, the coal-timbred Peter Sidhom as the minister, and David Wilson-Johnson as the troubled lighthouse keeper. Justin Lavender needed more power to put over the lover's music, but he used what he had intelligently. And the Huddersfield Choral Society was in stirring voice, though its single, massed attempt at acting (200 raised fists on the last chord of Act I) did not suggest a future in the thespian branch of showbiz.

RICHARD MORRISON

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Paul Haynes

LONDON

UNDER THEIR HATS: Veteran director Wendy Toye and a cast of six tell the lives and recreate the songs of Flanders and Swann. *Glorious Mud* and *The Gnu* will surely be there.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens Aug 8.

OPERA DOUBLE-BILL: A week of high comedy and drama is on offer from Opera Europa, a new Anglo-Italian company specialising in an Italian repertoire. Directors John Gibbons and Romolo Bruni present two one-act operas: Puccini's divine comedy *Gianni Schicchi* and *Cavalleria Rusticana*, Mascagni's tale of desire, betrayal and revenge set against a Sicilian Easter celebration.
Holland Park, (071-602 7856). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat. Sat 2.30pm. Ⓢ

BBC HENRY WOOD PROMS: An adventurous programme follows tonight's pre-prom talk by Alexander Goehr. It includes the UK premiere of his *Colossos or Panic*, Stravinsky's *Ode* and the neo-classical Symphony in Three Movements. The American soprano Lucy Shelton performs *Whitman Settings*, written for her by Oliver Knussen — tonight's conductor. Also on offer is Debussy's *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

STIRLING: Starting its summer tour tonight, the **National Youth Orchestra of Scotland** perform *The Fairy's Kiss* by Stravinsky, Ibert's Flute Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4. Conducted by Jun'ichi Hirokami with flute soloist William Bennett.
MacRobert Arts Centre, (0786-461081). Tonight, 8pm.

LIVERPOOL: The Tate continues its exciting series of summer workshops for children and accompanying adults this week. **Little Art Adventures** is an action-packed two hours centred around the pioneering *Africa Explores* exhibition now underway. A family ticket, workshop and admission to the special show, is just £2.
Tate Gallery, Albert Docks (051-709 3223). Today-Fri, 10.30am-12.30pm. Places should be booked in advance Ⓢ

BLACKBURN: Pianist **Martin Roscoe** joins the Haydn Chamber Orchestra for tonight's special concert in the Cathedral. Martin Leigh conducts a programme of Beethoven's overture, *The Creatures of Prometheus* and the "Emperor" Concerto, Mozart's Symphony No 40 and Goehr's Sinfonia Op 42. In aid of Save The Children.
Blackburn Cathedral, (0254-582 582). Tickets on door or from King George's Hall. Tonight, 7.30pm

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Opening night for Max Stafford-Clark's direction of another forgotten Restoration comedy, **The Wives' Excuse**, by Thomas Southerne. The names (Friendall, Teazall, Lovemore, Wilding) suggest the plot.
Swan, Waterside Ⓢ (0789 295623). Tonight, 7pm; then tomorrow, 7.30pm and Thurs, 1.30 and 7.30pm. Returns Aug 9 Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Who's Looking at the Family? (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** Jewellery of the Classical World (071-636 1555) ... **Courtauld:** French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings (071-873 2526) ... **Hayward:** Bonnard at Le Bosquet (071-928 8800) ... **National Gallery:** Friedrich to Hodler: A Romantic Tradition (071-389 1785) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** Edwardian Women Photographers (071-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy:** The Belgian Avant-Garde, 1880-1900; Summer Exhibition (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** William Blake (071-887 8000) ... **V & A:** Pugin: A Gothic Passion (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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◪ **BROKEN GLASS:** David Thacker directs Arthur Miller's latest, where a doctor asks why a woman with no physical ailments has paralysed herself. With Ken Stott, Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs. Ⓢ

◪ **THE CANTERBURY TALES:** Played as a modern-day story-telling competition, with a nervous vicar as MC and Brian Glover as the irrepressible Miller.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **LE CID:** Corneille's drama of honour and revenge. Susan Lynch, Samantha Bond and Duncan Bell in a fine cast for Jonathan Kent's NT debut as director.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **COPACABANA:** Barry Manilow's first musical, starring Gary Wilmot and Nicola Dawn. You've heard the song, and heard the song, the show adds energetic dancing and pineapple headdresses but that's about it.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS:** James Bolam and Ron Cook head the cast in Mamet's blistering account of the cut-throat world of Florida real-estate salesmen. Sam Mendes directs.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

☐ **THE LADY FROM THE SEA:** Lindsay Posner's production of Ibsen's intriguing but awkward play is fitfully successful. Likewise Josette Simon — lovely and intense, but not quite hitting the mark. Designs by Tim Hatley and music by Paddy Cunneen.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN:** Another extravagantly set-dominated Wilde from Philip Prowse. Fine acting from Francesca Annis's mother with a past but otherwise a frail evening.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE MIRACLE WORKER:** Jenny Seagrove and Catherine Holman as teacher and blind, deaf pupil in a touching, unmawkish production of this decent play.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm. Mats Thurs, 3pm until Aug 4; Wed, 3pm from Aug 8; Sat, 5pm.

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☐ **ST JOAN:** Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion, if you can overlook the scenic ado. Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor.
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☐ **SHE LOVES ME:** Pleasant musical by the *Fiddler* team telling of love by letter in a Budapest *parfumerie*. Ruthie Henshall and John Gordon-Sinclair make an engaging pair.
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BOILING POINT: Quirks, mayhem and lyrical images: an early gangster romp from Japanese cult figure Takeshi Kitano, made in 1990.
ICA Ⓢ (071-930 3647)

NECRONOMICON (18): Clumsy horror compendium inspired by H.P. Lovecraft's stories, with Bruce Payne, David Warner, and sundry creatures from the depths. Brian Yuzna directs.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

NORTH (PG): Whimsical misfire from director Rob Reiner, with Elijah Wood as the child searching the globe for the perfect parents. Bruce Willis pops up as a guardian angel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

PARIS FRANCE (18): Blocked authoress hopes sexual adventures will restore creativity. Dull, pretentious Canadian drama directed by Gerard Ciccoritti, with Leslie Hope.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

◆ **THE SANDLOT KIDS** (PG): Bland but passable adventures of baseball-playing kids in the summer of '62. David Mickey Evans directs Tom Guiry, Mike Vitar.
Warner Ⓢ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THUMBELINA** (U): Insipid cartoon version of the Hans Christian Andersen tale. Directors, Don Bluth and Gary Goldman.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

WOODSTOCK: THE DIRECTOR'S CUT (15). Michael Wadleigh's famous film of the ultimate rock festival. The 35 extra minutes feature Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and others.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

CURRENT

◆ **BAD GIRLS** (15): Prostitutes fight for their rights: a silly Western with Madeleine Stowe, Andie MacDowell, Mary Stuart Masterson, Drew Barrymore.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG): Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dietrich Bader. Director, Penelope Spheeris.
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◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U): Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs.
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◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15). Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

THE GETAWAY (18): Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as thieves on the run; Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

LOVE & HUMAN REMAINS (18): Mordant tales of love, sex and serial killings. Denys Arcand directs a fresh, excellent cast.
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◆ **MY GIRL 2** (PG): Anna Chlumsky's precocious girl searches for the mother she never knew. Bland sequel aimed at young teens with Austin O'Brien, Dan Aykroyd and Jamie Lee Curtis.
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◆ **RENAISSANCE MAN** (12): Patchy comedy with Danny DeVito teaching *Hamlet* to the army's under-achievers. Director, Penny Marshall.
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◆ **SIRENS** (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
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DANCE: An American choreographer interviewed; cast changes at the Royal Ballet and ENB

Loosely her own show

TONY WHITE



A new kind of company: US choreographer Amanda Miller preferred to start her own group because "I needed to find my voice for myself."

John Percival meets Amanda Miller, whose unconventional new company, Pretty Ugly, makes its British debut in London this week

Impossible, really, to convey what Amanda Miller is saying if I just quote her words: even sitting at a table in the Place Theatre café early one morning before conducting a rehearsal, she is apparently unable to be still for long. Her arms keep breaking suddenly into odd squiggles in the air, their animation contrasting with her quiet American voice. It is her way of illustrating the kind of movement she goes in for, something quick, idiosyncratic and involved.

She uses it, for instance, to indicate how her dances differ from conventional ballet, although that is where her origins lay — and looking at her small, trim build, her poise, her big eyes and short dark hair, the impression is that she could have been a good ballet dancer. Her education would have been fine for a potential ballerina, at the highly reputed School of the Arts in her native North Carolina, then in New York with Melissa Hayden and Chicago with Maria Tallchief. At 20 she was a member of the ballet at the Deutsche Oper, Berlin, where the repertoire was primarily classical.

But after a couple of years she temporarily dropped out of dance, although dancing was what she had always wanted to do. "I was afraid I was not educating myself enough any more," she explains: "not doing new things." Luckily, right on cue, there enters William Forsythe, who was about to take charge of the Frankfurt Ballet. Another American in Europe, he persuaded Miller to join him and she spent the 1980s there as dancer, assistant and choreographer.

Forsythe's way is to work closely with his dancers and give them as much scope as they can take. Having to build a repertoire quickly from scratch, he put Miller to co-ordinating the work of the girls. For her own roles he might say: "At this point, just go out and improv for two minutes." She insists that although their styles have much in common, she did not copy him. "Bill takes more from the classical than I do; I was more risk-orientated than he. We developed the language together."

That language has ballet as its root, but much amended, extended or inverted to find fresh possibilities, even though, Miller says, "it is hard for ballet dancers to unlearn what they've been taught to look like." She likes working with new music, too. In the pieces by her which we have seen, many other kinds of movement are mixed in, whether dance steps or from everyday life. Spontaneity is the key.

From helping with Forsythe's works she went on to make five or six of her own for Frankfurt, which led to invitations from outside. As guest choreographer she stages works for the Rotterdam Dance Group, Netherlands Dance Theatre 2, the Jacob's Pillow Festival in Massachusetts, Scottish Ballet and London Contemporary Dance Theatre. The logical next step was to set up on her own account.

She could have had a choice of existing companies to take over but preferred to start her own group because "I needed to find my voice for myself." And she shudders at the thought of calling it the Amanda Miller Dance Company because she does not want a group where there is one head and everybody else just following. So she calls it Pretty Ugly, the same name as one of her dance pieces.

What she has evolved is a new kind of company: a loose grouping of colleagues — dancers, musicians, designers — who "make Pretty Ugly a home for their ideas. We are independent enough that we can work together. It's a healthy environment: the group support me and I support them."

What they have in common is wanting new experiences, so they are free to come and go according to their own and the group's needs and opportunities. Pretty Ugly has no permanent base but has found space and time for its creative work thanks to residencies in different cities arranged through those who know and like Miller's work.

Holding it all together feels to her more like a responsibility than a job, and she says cheerfully that "you need to have a sense of humour because otherwise you're worrying about it." Having just won the Bagnolet International Choreographic Competition in Paris with *Night by Itself*, one of the works to be given in her group's London debut, she has plenty to be cheerful about.

● *Pretty Ugly appears at the Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800) on Wednesday as the opening event of "Now You See It", a ten-day South Bank season of music, dance and comedy*

Spirited pair at the helm

WE KNEW that Errol Pickford could give a good account of himself in the famous pas de deux from **Don Quixote** because he stood in memorably for Irek Mukhamedov to partner Nina Ananiashvili at the Covent Garden gala for Armenia a few years back. He had also danced the whole ballet as a guest star in South Africa, but because of injuries had to wait until Saturday afternoon to make his debut in the Royal Ballet's production.

Pickford and Deborah Bull made a spirited pair in the leads so far as their dancing was concerned, although he seemed understandably not yet enough at ease to equal the wit and charm she has built into her role. Still, they share a lighter, stronger jump than most of their Covent Garden colleagues, a nice turn of speed and good crisp attack. If there was less humour in their performance than this ballet deserves, blame the muddled production rather than the dancers. If they did not get as strong support as might be desired, blame the casting policy which fails to notice that roles such as the street dancer or the queen of the Dryads are important enough to deserve (and in other companies often to get) leading dancers to do them full justice.

THREE out of the four women playing Aurora in English National Ballet's **Sleeping Beauty** this summer are guest dancers from abroad; likewise three of the four men appearing as Florimund. That is a pretty savage indication of how far the company has to go before it can be compared with its own previous best days. But how do you recruit good dancers when restricted by box-office considerations to the same few hackneyed works for most of the year?

I saw three leading couples in *Beauty* at the Coliseum last week, before the production transferred to the Festival Hall this week. The best were the non-English "home team" of Agnes Oaks and Thomas Edur whom I have already written about. Anna Seidl, borrowed from the Dutch National Ballet, although born and trained in Munich, is unusually tall for a ballerina. Her height and long limbs give a strong, attractively bold quality of movement: her dancing is smooth, composed and satisfying.

Paul Chalmer, the Canadian freelance brought in to partner her, is just about big enough to cope, although his own dancing does not offer much excitement. But it seemed to me that Seidl's excellent individual qualities were left to impress by their professional competence rather than to stir emotions as part of a theatrical rapport.

Margaret Illmann and Rex Harrington are both in the National Ballet of Canada, so I suppose they are more used to each other. But I find her acting unexpectedly genteel and a lack of punch (almost at times approaching a kind of timidity) in her dancing. Harrington has the confident good looks for this kind of role and his big solo had pace and style — he brought the right, true version with him; much better than this production's usual.

Among the supporting casts, rather than Yat Sen Chang's flashy Bluebird (much applauded) I enjoyed solos by Marta Barahona, Josephine Jewkes, Hope Muir and Ambra Vallo, and Antonia Botten's acting as a concerned, motherly queen. But are there future Auroras and Florimunds hidden away here? Not much sign of that.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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FOLK: Whey-faced monsters in woollies are a thing of the past; the crowd at Cambridge's 30th Folk Festival take a serious approach to carnival

Of penny whistles and wonderment

It was the third day of the 30th Cambridge Folk Festival and Maddy Prior, singer and lead spoonist to Steeleye Span, was searching for words with which to introduce a Jacobite song of scurrilous content. "Such jolly music! Well, that's what the Queen said about our music." The Span has been playing electric folk songs, reels and jigs since 1969 and their longevity is deserved. Prior paused for a moment to adjust her extraordinary purple suit. "And that last one was a jolly song about hanging."

Those whose images of the folk scene involve whey-faced monsters in woolly jumpers with fingers in their ears are missing the point. Modern-day folkies are as likely as their Glastonbury rock counterparts to be sprawled, dead drunk, beneath their tents in the relentless sun. Like anyone else, their approach to carnival is serious and just because no one stage-dived during Joan Baez's set does not lessen the fact. Moreover, the traditional folk songs of the sort upon which Steeleye Span have made their reputation contain more sex, violence and hallucinatory accounts per verse than your average rock ditty. It is just the punchlines that are different.

To look at the 10,000 families and twentysomethings who crowded Cherry Hinton's grounds, one might be forgiven for thinking that a folk revival was occurring. In part, it is. Many of the punters were regulars who fondly remember the festival's creator, Ken Wollard, who died last year. Like Wollard, the festival's organisers take a liberal approach to defining their genre. This was reflected in the fact that this year's event sold out more quickly than any previous one.

And there was something for virtually everybody. Mississippi blues from Sherman Robertson and boogie-woogie from the Jools Holland Band. Ralph McTell played two sets, as did Pooka, a talented two-girl band whose feverish songs are touched with a Kate Bush-like presence. Imbued with the spirit of their age, Pooka sang about safe sex, whooped a lot and insisted that they came from Mars.

Other artists were clearer about their origins. Cambridge's own Boo Hewerdine opened proceedings with a series of plaintive songs of his own making. Tommy Makem — who appeared at the first festival in 1965 — and the velvet-toned Mary Black represented traditional Irish music, with the Saw Doctors and Altan carrying the torch for the younger, rockier generation.

STEVE GILLETT



Joan Baez: "each note grazes a particular sadness"

The Scots delegation included Clan Alba and Wolfstone; the Texans sent Darden Smith with his bittersweet songs; and Nashville arrived in the form of the Cactus Brothers, a half-naked fiddler named Tramp and some lock-up-your-daughters bluegrass.

Nor was the limelight focused solely on the major acts. Local folk clubs play an important part in keeping the old traditions alive, as well as creating new lineages for future generations. Pauline Cato, the Eric Clapton of the Northumbrian pipes, was in limber form, and after she had finished, half-cut admirers could be heard trying to replicate her tunes on penny whistles. However, most audience participation was less solitary: buying drums at the on-site market or toting guitars and fiddles, people set up impromptu jam sessions in beer tents, food tents and spaces between tents.

They could only be silenced by Joan Baez. A dapper woman now in her early fifties, Baez is known (in no particular order) as the high priestess of the protest song, as one of folk music's most passionate advocates and as an erstwhile companion to Bob Dylan. Acoustic artists can not often rely on creating electric atmospheres, yet Baez fairly sizzled away. The forty-somethings who cherish her memory especially closely were as vestal virgins to her flame. "Sit down!" they hissed the moment that Baez came on stage. Everyone sank to the grass. The strains of Dylan's "Don't Think Twice" flowed over the multitude. There were songs for gay rights, child-abuse victims and "Blowing in the Wind" for Sarajevo; there were songs by Van Morrison, the Indigo Girls and three from Dylan. Baez's imitations of the old boyfriend on "Farewell, Angelina" were greeted with such delight that even the vestals could not silence them.

There was little sanctimonious about Baez, whose voice has a crystalline clarity capable of provoking emotional earthquakes. "Diamonds and Rust", about past lovers and their ghosts, was a spell-binding feat of artistry and projection. Although Baez's accompanists, guitarists Mark and Anthony Peterson and percussionist Gerardo Velez, provided moments of pleasing counterpoint, the highlights were undoubtedly her solo spots. Pulled back for an encore, she delivered an a cappella version of "Sweet Chariot" that seemed to speak to every individual present. Each note grazed a particular sadness, and, as she ended, the quality of wonderment in the applause registered that a real and unusual presence had passed through.

LOUISE GRAY

A woman behind the lines

Kate Bassett talks to American playwright Naomi Wallace, whose new play is premiered in London this week

Military tactics and men's talk. Killing your enemies. Obsessively cataloguing the weapons of mass destruction. This might not be territory where one would expect to find a female playwright pitching camp. But Naomi Wallace from Kentucky, an unusually talented poet-turned-dramatist and socio-political dissector of the United States, defies boundaries.

Her challenging play *In The Heart of America* depicts Gulf War soldiers, the action leaping from blue-grass country to the Saudi desert. Scheduled to be directed by Tony Kushner (of *Angels In America*) in New York later this year, *In The Heart of America* has its world premiere in Britain. It will open at the Bush this Friday, staged by artistic director Dominic Dromgoole.

In fact this summer Wallace, a recent theatre arts graduate of Iowa University, has two radically different stage pieces on in London in as many weeks. *The Girl Who Fell Through a Hole in her Jumper*, her children's play co-written with Bruce McCleod and springing from stories told to their three little girls, bounced into town last week for an entertaining run at the London New Play Festival. *In The Heart of America*, however, is for adults. Refusing to hide physically and psychologically damaged humanity, it may distress some.

Wallace, with no direct involvement in the forces, writes with startling assurance about males under stress in no-man's-land. Even the funny make-believe realm of *The Girl Who* is swarming with suppressed privates and bullying commanders. Often Wallace's characters are caught up in inflammatory triangles, as are Craver, the new recruit in *In The Heart of America*, Remzi, his buddy who becomes his lover; and the semi-psychotic veteran Boxler, brutalising them into line.

PETER TREVNOR



"There is no essential sexuality. Maleness and femaleness are something we are dressed in," says Wallace, who excels at writing male characters

Her previous play, *The War Boys*, taken up in 1993 by the talent-discovering Finborough Theatre, focused on three paramilitaries lying in wait for Mexicans crossing the Texas border. Their friendship, in turn, veered between attraction and antagonism, emotional exposure and crushing aggression. Kate Valentine who directed that production says that Wallace "so excels at writing male characters, it was often assumed she was a man". Dromgoole believes that "she presents male violence and aggression without proselytising about it, but baldly, as it is. She depicts what is despicable with enthusiasm. She understands it better than a lot of men do."

How is this possible? "Men," Wallace points out, "have created great female characters: Anna Karenina, Emma Bovary. Though women writers have been allocated a domestic domain, several have broken out. In my poetry I would often write in different voices — someone in Cuba, or an Israeli soldier. I enjoy adopting another identity and seeing where it takes me." A National Poetry Prize winner, Wallace only embarked on playwriting four years ago, yet the seeds were obviously there.

Her stage works are far from narrowly naturalistic. Perhaps this gives her added play in portraying the "other": men or people who aren't as American as apple-pie. Her characters jet between past and present, between hard reality and memory or invention. Wallace is fascinated by the overlap of fact and fantasy. Her characters create and re-create their own stories. *In The Heart of America* is at once structurally poetic and grounded in a hefty two years of research.

When interviewed herself, Wallace's personal voice isn't easy to pin down. She inclines towards the abstractions of politically-aware academia. She is concerned with history as a construct, language as power, the deconstruction of identity. On this score, she relates to Kushner whom she first encountered as a teacher at Iowa prior to his flight to fame. "What was fantastic for me about Tony," she explains, "was that even in Iowa (with its modern approach) I had felt somewhat outside. I was considered the 'political' writer and that was a bad label. Everyone made us do these 'walk-into-the-tunnel-of-your-heart' exercises. Then Tony arrived and said, 'Let's talk about capitalism,' completely unashamed of being interested in big issues."

Dromgoole observes: "Naomi is too good a writer to put down her own story. At the same time, there's a tremendous amount of her own passions in there — anger, tenderness, sexuality." In *In The Heart* Wallace targets individuals who feel the reverberations of the Gulf conflict (unlike the "sparkling clean 20-minute war" of US TV news). Her aim was "to personalise an event from which we all felt alienated".

Moreover, she links the global with the local: violence abroad and at home; the forces and the family. She does, after a time, volunteer an autobiographical angle as well. Beyond the emotional impact in childhood of indelible images of the Vietnam War, Craver may, she thinks, be inspired by a boy she knew when growing up, "a close friend who began to go crazy. There was," she says, "some violence between us."

But for Wallace, drama, like reality, is a case of multiple perspectives. Even a single person is a diverse entity. Different cultures converge in her American-Mexican or American-Arab characters.

So too her plays confound sexual stereotypes. In *In The Fields of Aceldama* (directed by Jessica Dromgoole, sister of Dominic, at last year's London New Play Festival), while men and the military are more in the wings, the mother-daughter relationship involves physical abuse amid intense affection. Meanwhile *The Girl Who* has a heroine in an "adventure for boys". "There is no essential sexuality. Maleness and femaleness are something we are dressed in," says Wallace, flowery-frocked with big boots, petite plus tattoo.

● *In the Heart of America previews from tomorrow at the Bush Theatre (081-743 3388), and opens on Friday*

OPERA: Glyndebourne and Bristol reviews

Grimes still no nearer a solution

Peter Grimes
Glyndebourne

THIS revival of Trevor Nunn's *Grimes* production, final offering of Glyndebourne's first season in its new theatre, is not quite as good as it should be. When it was new two years ago, it had something of the look of a first draft, one ripe for development. But apart from one crucial piece of new casting, all that has happened is that the Suffolk accents have been dropped in favour of standard English, for which much thanks.

Otherwise, things that didn't work last time — the clumsily staged pub scene, for one — still don't work, and the sudden raising of the pub roof (creak, creak) to reveal the Great Bear and Pleiades, the flaming (or, on Sunday evening, smouldering) cross and George Crabbe furiously taking notes at the final curtain are the sort of kitschy effects that Nunn might better have reserved for his work with Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

We still don't know who Balstrode is, powerfully though Alan Opie sings the part: he's certainly not a retired sea captain or figure of authority. And if you have a tenor as young as John Graham Hall for Bob Boles, why make him of pensionable age and saddle him with all that "old" acting? This is the stuff of village halls, not Glyndebourne, like the picturesquely dirty children with each smudge perfectly in place.

Franz Welser-Möst was conducting the work for the first time. Britten's score sounded glorious in the new house, so much so that one resented ever more the assorted thumps and scrapes during the scene changes that do not speak well for the new stage facilities. But Welser-Möst chose curiously deliberate tempos, especially in the first act, and it took too long for the work to build up any dramatic steam. The chorus, perhaps not encouraged by the general sluggishness, was below its best form.

Many members of the cast were as before. Robert Poulton's Ned Keene is now sharper and creepier — a marvellous performance — and Vivian Tierney sang Ellen as sweetly and easily as ever but, alas, with as few consonants. Yvonne Howard, new as Mrs Sedley, played the dotty dope-fiend as a dear little old lady, an engaging idea which didn't *quite* work.

But the appearance of Anthony Rolfe Johnson in the title role has made all the difference. His golden, honeyed tone and matchlessly expressive musicianship not only had one searching through memory to wonder if the role has ever been so beautifully sung, but granted the character the visionary, poetic quality that Britten wanted. When set against his glowering, baleful stage presence, the result is a disturbingly "complete" Grimes, and his relationship with Ellen, with the apprentice as apple of discord, is one of the signal successes of Nunn's production. This is an interpretation of towering tragic stature, and it is well worth putting up with some rough edges elsewhere to catch it.



Anthony Rolfe Johnson: making all the difference

RODNEY MILNES

Rising in the West

Rigoletto
Hippodrome, Bristol

BATH and Wessex Opera, born as plain Bath City Opera only three years ago, is a company on the rise. Its new *Rigoletto* benefits from some fine young singers, some fine young players — the Bournemouth Sinfonietta — and a sturdy, dramatically sure and imaginative production by the company's artistic director, John Pascoe.

The staging sticks firmly to the opera's proper period, though without looking dull for a moment, thanks to David Myerscough-Jones's ingenious and striking set designs, all exaggerated angles and iron grid screens, unfussy yet not too plain, and symmetrical until the final act. Chris Pascoe's lighting is expressive, predominantly dark.

But the production maintains its gripping sense of drama largely on account of Sir Alexander Gibson's canny conducting. Even the ending, where the sack-bound, dying Gilda's duet with Rigoletto can feel as though it has been stuck on (this is the classic case of the operatic corpse revived) seems a necessary musical, and therefore dramatic, continuation.

Peter Bronder as the Duke, though still as repulsively cocky as one could wish, manages to avoid the usual hip-swaggering clichés, using instead a repertoire of subtle facial expressions. He has a strong, assertive voice. Gerard Quinn, a dishevelled but deeply affecting Rigoletto, makes a rougher sound, appropriate for the age and nature of the outcast-scapegoat character.

Sally Harrison's Gilda started vocally tense and with a shrillness in her highest register, but she soon overcame that and settled quickly into something of surer radiance; her final act of self-sacrifice is beautifully managed.

Other fine performances came from Richard Robson's gaunt Sparafucile, Margaret Maguire's buxom Maddalena, and Jonathan May's black-caped, threatening Monterone. The chorus and those in lesser parts sing and act well, even though Pascoe has not entirely solved the problem of stock reactions. Really fluid chorus direction remains one of opera's most elusive targets.

There were a few first-night hiccups: one unreasonably protracted scene change in Act I and the ironic intrusion — oddly appropriate — of the sounds of a firework display outside. Occasionally the surtitle projector spewed forth a surprising literal, too. But these were tiny problems in the context of a fine achievement that bodes well for professional opera in this region.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Frozen from here to eternity

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale reviews Rod Williams's *The Life of the World to Come* at the Almeida**

You have a final chat with your tax lawyer and the smiling man who has just sold you immortality. You tearfully say adieu, or rather au revoir, to your loved ones. You let someone in a white coat gradually reduce your body temperature below the yoghurt in your fridge, past the lamb in your freezer, to a point that would make the North Pole seem equatorial. You are then shoved in a tube and left to wait for a Last Trump likely to comprise a nurse with a hot-water bottle, a doctor with medicine's latest magic bullet, and a couple of resurrection counsellors.

With the arrival of the "science" of cryonics, it is time that Evelyn Waugh's satire on the American way of death, *The Loved One*, was updated. With real-life cryobiologists already talking of genetic triggers that will "remarkably impact human ageing", and promising life-spans of 200,000 years for the monied, it would be equally nice to be able to defrost Swift and ask him to rejig Gulliver's meeting with those disgusting oldsters, the Struldbrugs. The question is: is the dramatist Rod Williams up to the job?

In some ways, yes. On the evidence of this play, he is better at creating vivid caricatures and concocting grotesque incidents than at developing characters or constructing a coherent plot; but those are far from negligible gifts. His opening scene, in which the staff at New Hope Life Extension sympathetically bring a cancer patient to the brink of the icebox, is particularly well written. "I don't want anyone to play God with me," says Philip O'Brien's Mo nervously as David Yip's off-handedly arrogant doctor talks of one day resuscitating him and tinkering with his genes. "Oh, we can do better than that," comes the reassuring, reproachful reply.

Throughout the play, Williams has fun with every sort of contemporary American rhetoric: sententious, euphemistic, depersonalising, callous. But he can be a bit inconsistent, too. If Mo can afford to become a lump in this very expensive ice-tray, how can he then admit to having faked his cancer in order to avoid impossible insurance premiums? He cannot simultaneously be a wealthy mug and an example of the need for the Clinton health reforms. The contradiction is, it turns out, symptomatic of a certain opportunism in the plot.

This involves Yip's reawakening of the organisation's founder and sleeping president, a leukaemia victim played by Simon Burke. This starts hilariously, with a naked man running onstage in a desperate attempt to escape doctors who, he wildly surmises, have responded to a simple request for a medical check-up by icing up his genitals. But before long he has recovered his memory, thrown off that "baked Alaska sensation", and, I fear, started to confuse the audience instead.

One moment, he is the megeneration Californian, glorying in the success of cryonics and the riches it will bring him. The next, he is talking seriously of conscience to the financial hucksters who have built his firm into a great global rip-off. Nor could I see why these money-men should try to suppress the news of his successful reawakening. Instead of being bankrupted by hordes of relatives wanting their loved-ones thawed, as they fear, they would surely be overrun by invalids whose scientific doubts had been answered.

The anti-capitalist satire doesn't always add up, but the comedy mostly does. When Burke, Yip, Stephen Greif and the other sharks in Derek Wax's cast are trading bites, you might be watching a funny, futuristic version of David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross*. Certainly, I laughed a lot.

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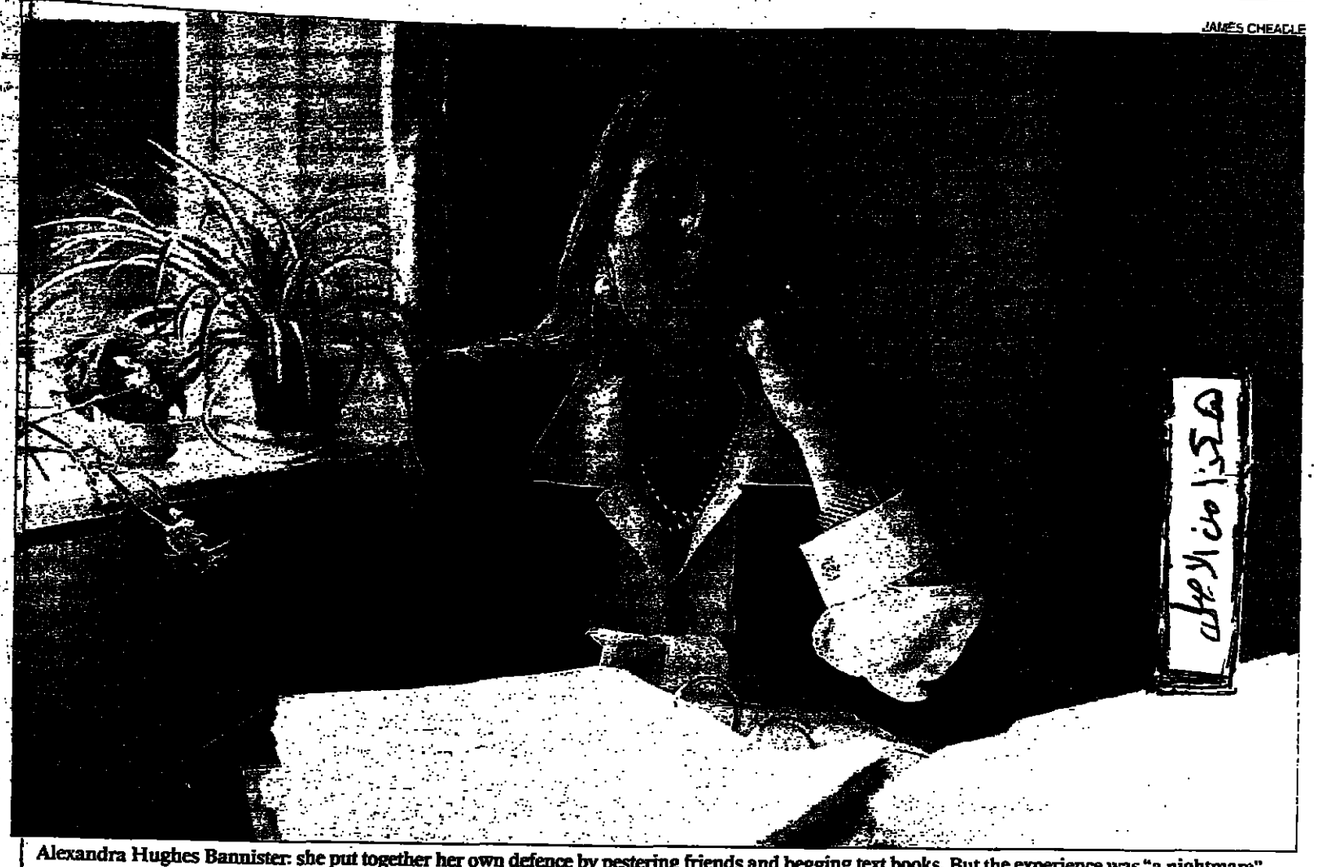
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People who want to represent themselves may receive help, **Fiona Bawdon** reports


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Alexandra Hughes Bannister: she put together her own defence by pestering friends and begging text books. But the experience was "a nightmare"

Take the law unto oneself

Litigants in person seem to be popularly regarded by the legal profession, at best, as seriously misguided and at worst, as nutters.

When I wrote a "who's-sing-whom" column for a legal magazine, I was barred from including any writs from litigants in person (which invariably made the most interesting reading) on the grounds that the plaintiffs were bound not only to be barking, but also barking up the wrong tree, arguing some completely spurious legal point.

In the course of researching this article, litigants in person were variously described to me (by lawyers) as "loonies in person", and "idiots in person" and, more than once, I was reminded of the adage that a man who acts for himself has a fool for a client.

Yet for all their flaky image, far from being obsessives, most litigants in person have no choice.

According to Pamela Lloyd-Hart, manager of the Citizens' Advice Bureau at the Royal Courts of Justice, the vast majority of unrepresented people it advises are defendants. "The litigants in person who get the attention of the public are usually the more notorious, salacious type of cases," she says. "But the ordinary litigant in person — of which there are many thousands — are people who are simply trying to sort out their lives."

Much of her bureau's work is advising people who are defending themselves in bankruptcy, debt and repossession cases, she says.

Mrs Lloyd-Hart does not deny, however, that there are litigants who "obviously need the assistance of a psychiatrist, not a lawyer", but these are a small minority. She reckons that only about 10 per cent of the more than 18,000 litigants in person the bureau advises each year fall into this category. In any event, she adds, even someone who is obsessed may still have a case.

> "Even someone obsessed may have a case"

The recession, cuts in legal aid eligibility and rising lawyers' fees have all led to a steady increase in the numbers of unrepresented people trying to negotiate a system that many lawyers struggle to understand. At a recent video conference between judges in the United Kingdom and Australia, the problem of litigants in person was high on the agenda.

Against that background, the law lord Lord Woolf is looking at a package of civil justice reforms which would enable more people to act for themselves. Although his committee is not expected to report for another couple of years, the cornerstone of his thinking is simplifying procedures and giving more control to the court.

"If we are moving towards a court-managed system, it does seem that there would be more room for the court to help litigants in person to a greater extent," Lord Woolf says. He envisages a system where litigants would seek legal help at various stages during the case, but then do most of the work themselves.

Those who have been through the present system unrepresented agree that it is ripe for change. Alexandra Hughes Bannister, a defendant in a libel case (subsequently dropped), describes her experience as "18 months of absolute bloody nightmare".

Ms Hughes Bannister, who is unemployed, put together her own defence by pestering her barrister friends, begging legal text books from local solicitors and plaguing the telephone advice line run by a nearby law centre. "I took the *Supreme Court Practice Rules* and made it my bedtime reading," she says.

Although she was the defendant in her case, Ms Hughes Bannister admits to finding the court action all-consuming. "You get litigant-in-personitis. I found myself constantly talking to friends about it," she says.

But Andrew Halpin, a law lecturer who won £60,000 libel damages from his former employer, Oxford Polytechnic, says it is possible to remain objective about your own case. "I had to detach myself. Sometimes I had the odd experience of really enjoying a particular legal issue and then having to remind myself, 'this is me'," he says.

Mr Halpin, who teaches jurisprudence and criminal law, spent three years "mugging up" on libel to bring his case. Despite his success, he says he would not advise anyone else to do the same — partly because of the financial risks if it goes wrong.

Lord Woolf is hoping to tackle what he describes as one of the most frightening aspects of litigation by putting a cap on the level of costs that can be recovered.

Under this proposal, the court would be able to set the maximum costs recoverable — proportionate to the scope of the action — so that the litigant knows at the outset what level of risk he runs if he loses.

But some hurdles for litigants in person may be harder to resolve — notably the impenetrability of legal language for the uninitiated.

Mr Halpin says: "The lawyers start talking in medieval English. Although basically all that may be required is a statement and signature, it sounds as if you've got to go and shoot your own deer and produce your own vellum parchment before you can proceed any further," he says.

● *The Royal Courts of Justice CAB is appealing for funds to help it to meet the needs of the growing number of litigants in person seeking its advice. The bureau can be contacted on 071-936 6880.*

No logic behind gagging terrorists' empty rhetoric

In October 1988, the Government issued directives which prohibit radio and television from broadcasting the voices of those who speak on behalf of, or express words of support for, terrorist groups in Northern Ireland. The content of what such people say may be broadcast, but only in reported speech or if "spoken by an actor". The recent decision of the European Commission of Human Rights, dismissing a complaint about this broadcasting ban under Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, is a disappointing end to a legal battle to remove an arbitrary and damaging interference with freedom of expression.

The broadcasting ban was announced in 1988 by Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary at the time, because the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, wished to deny terrorists "the oxygen of publicity". The case against the ban was, and remains, overwhelming. If broadcasters cannot question the supporters of violence on camera with the sound turned on, the public is denied information which will assist it to understand the intricacies of political debate, and the poverty of the political thinking of the terrorist cannot easily be exposed to the viewer.



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The ban was based on an assertion which the Home Secretary was unable to substantiate in fact: that the apologists for terrorism had previously been given easy access to the airwaves to intimidate others. The directives to the broadcasters unacceptably implied that those who watch television and listen to the radio need protection from free speech because they are unable to exercise their critical faculties to reject the feeble attempts of terrorists and their supporters to justify their evil conduct.

The reputation of our broadcasters for independence is harmed throughout the world by the imposition of government directives about the content of news bulletins. Dictators who are criticised for suppressing free speech now point with satisfaction to the restrictions imposed on the BBC and ITN. The directives imposing the ban inevitably cause broadcasters to avoid controversial issues of Northern Ireland policy because difficulties of application result in uncertain legal obligations. The integrity of news programmes is diminished by the manifest absurdity of actors speaking what we are not allowed to hear from the politicians themselves.

All of this might be tolerable if it saved lives. Free speech is not an absolute right. But no politician could seriously believe that the directives make any positive contribution to the efforts to stop the gunmen and the bombers of Northern Ireland.

A judicial review application challenging the introduction of the ban was brought by six broadcast journalists and a viewer of news programmes: Donald Brind, Fred Emery, Alexander Graham, Victoria Leonard, Scarlett McGwire, John Pilger and Thomas Nash. The House of Lords dismissed the claim in February 1991. (I should declare an interest as one of the counsel for the applicants in those proceedings.)

The law lords concluded that public law does not require the Secretary of State to exercise discretionary powers consistently with the European Convention on Human Rights and that public law does not contain any concept of proportionality. These principles are likely to be reconsidered by the House of Lords by the end of the decade.

Donald Brind and his colleagues pursued the matter to Strasbourg. They argued that the broadcasting ban is a breach of the right to freedom of expression guaranteed by Article 10 of the European Convention. The European Commission of Human Rights has now decided, by a majority, to dismiss that complaint as inadmissible. The Commission concluded that because of "the limited extent of the interference" with free speech and "the importance of measures to combat terrorism", there was no breach of Article 10. The reasoning of the Commission is unpersuasive. The Commission itself asserted the well-established principles of Convention case law that freedom of the press "affords the public one of the best means of discovering and forming an opinion of the ideas and attitudes of political leaders, and freedom of political debate is at the very core of the concept of a democratic society".

It does not sit easily with those important values for the Commission to tolerate restrictions on news programmes. The directives impede the free flow of information on fundamental issues of political debate. Such interference demands substantial justification. But it is impossible to regard the directives as playing any significant role in combating terrorism. As the Commission stated: "The logic of the continuation of the directions is not readily apparent when they appear to have little real impact on the information available to the public."

The decisions of the House of Lords and the European Commission of Human Rights mean that the Government has acted lawfully. Arguments about the wisdom of the broadcasting ban will continue.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Going for gold

THE LAW Society has launched its own Visa Gold Card. On paper it looks very attractive, with a special offer APR of just 13.5 per cent and no annual fee. To qualify, the lawyer must have an annual income in excess of £25,000. But there is one drawback. The card has The Law Society stamped on its face in bold print. Which is enough to put off at least one lawyer: "It would be awful. Every time I bought something, everyone in the shop would know I was a solicitor."

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FROM September 1 tax tribunals are to have extensive new powers. The general and special commissioners who hear tax appeals will have the power, backed by fines of up to £1,000, to summon witnesses, demand evidence and make costs awards in limited circumstances.

The special commissioners will be able to publish decisions which practitioners say will help to redress the present imbalance between taxpayers and the revenue. The commissioners will also be able to open hearings to the public for the first time, although audiences are perhaps likely to be select.

Aids rethink

LIFE insurers are about to drop their controversial approach to Aids/HIV testing. Tony Baker, the deputy director general of the Association of British Insurers, says: "Careful underwriting must continue, but we have decided that it is no longer appropriate or necessary to ask applicants for new life insurance policies to indicate that they have had a negative HIV/Aids test or counselling." He says that the controversial question can be dropped because the feared huge payouts for Aids-related deaths has not happened. Applicants will, however, still have to disclose a positive test.

Body count

TRAVELLERS are putting themselves at risk without adequate insurance cover, says Davies Arnold Cooper, City insurance lawyers, in the revamped edition of its report on personal injury awards in Europe.

The report finds massive disparities in the levels of compensation in Europe. In Portugal, for instance, death and injury benefits rank among the lowest in Europe. In Italy, however, a dead 20-year old female secretary, it says, is worth 200 times more in compensation terms than in England.

There are also widely varying medical expenses: in Denmark, Iceland and Norway no medical expenses are recoverable through the courts, since their legal system assumes victims will be covered by the Danish social security system — which, of course, does not include UK visitors. Nor will Germany or The Netherlands reimburse medical expenses, as judges there assume victims will have full private medical insurance, as legally required for German citizens.

Whip-round

MICHAEL CROSBY, a practitioner in the state of Mississippi, has an enviable way with jurors. He did such a good job getting the jury to sympathise with his client, that after acquitting her of a drugs-related charge, they stopped him outside the court and asked if they could help her to get back to her home.

To his amazement, the jurors then held a whip-round, raising $55 (about £38) for her fare. Crosby told the *National Law Journal:* "I set out to make them sympathise with her, but I didn't expect anything like this. Two of the jurors even offered to let her stay with them until she could catch the bus to Florida."

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Charles Elly, the new Law Society president, talks to **Frances Gibb** about his priorities for the year

Carrying the legal briefcase


STEPHEN MARKESON

Conservative, radical Charles Elly: "I do not accept that, on an hourly basis, lawyers are overpaid."

Interviewing Charles Elly is like talking to a sympathetic GP. He listens courteously and responds without emotion. He outlines options, gives a view and then counters it with: "But I can see the case for ...". Colleagues may describe him as "sweet reason" but he is a headache for journalists.

After the high-profile campaigning style of his predecessor, Rodger Pannone, the new president of the Law Society and head of the 70000 solicitors in England and Wales strikes a much quieter, less strident note.

Mr Elly admits that he dislikes confrontation; and places himself politically in the centre of the Law Society spectrum. "I am not an out-and-out radical. I do want to see improvements in legal services but that is best achieved from within rather than attacking from outside the system."

But he is capable of passion: legal aid practitioners were taken aback recently when he launched a bitter and vitriolic attack on the Legal Aid Board in such strong language that Steve Orchard, the board's chief executive, was prompted to issue an angry response.

Legal aid and access to legal services are likely to be at the fore of Mr Elly's concerns in his year of office. His own constituency is that of the legal aid practitioner and the high street firm: his firm, Reynolds Parry-Jones & Crawford, in High Wycombe, derives one fifth of its income from legal aid and is soon to apply for a legal aid franchise; and he is acutely aware of the struggle for survival among many smaller firms.

The biggest threat to the profession is the fact that a lot of firms have been facing a time when their income from staple work has been dropping in real terms, particularly with legal aid rates being held and conveyancing charges having fallen and I am concerned that this may have created instability within certain firms. If we lose these high street practices, then for the ordinary man in the street it is going to be very difficult to get legal advice."

Some legal aid firms, he says, are "on the very edge of survival, particularly in those parts of the country where there is not a lot of work about, and they could go out of business if there is a continuing squeeze on income".

Yet he is aware that he must represent the whole spectrum of the profession and in particular he does not wish to alienate the large City firms. At a time when solicitors' private fees have come under attack, Mr Elly refuses to criticise the big commercial law firms over charges. They too, he says, have come under the pressure of competition. "I do not accept that, on an hourly basis, lawyers are overpaid."

He does accept, though, that the cost of litigation is too high. The way to cut the costs of justice is by reforming court procedures. Lord Woolf's present review of civil justice, he says, provides a "unique opportunitity" to get to grips with the cost and delays of litigation.

"I do acknowledge that the cost of taking a case to court is too high and what needs to be attacked is the way cases are conducted and the amount of time spent on them."

> "What needs to be attacked is the way cases are conducted"

Certain cases could be handled without lawyers at all, Mr Elly suggests, provided that there are safeguards to ensure that people do not find themselves up against large organisations who would pay for legal representation.

With his style more that of a chief executive than a president, it is perhaps fitting that Mr Elly will be the first incumbent of the one-year post to be paid. Although the change has yet to ratified by the Privy Council as a change to the society's charter, its council has agreed that the president should be paid £90,000, roughly equivalent to the salary of a High Court judge.

The job, he says, has become more onerous and is now essentially a full-time position. Mr Pannone's firm — and family — felt his absence, and Mr Elly's had to delay its franchise application while he has spent time as deputy vice-president. Mr Elly's wife is a caterer and they have two children (a son, 22, studying law and a daughter, 18). Outside work Mr Elly's "love", he says, is the theatre, both acting and directing, although now there is little time for it.

Like Mr Pannone, however, Mr Elly regards the presidential post as something of a vocation. And again like his predecessor, he might have gone into the Church: he has a deep religious faith and is active in his local Anglican church — a commitment which began when he was a talented choirboy.

"He appears to be a true-blue Tory, but he has a very strong social streak," a colleague says. "It is a practical Christianity, like Lord Mackay or Tony Blair — he doesn't wear it on his sleeve or stuff it down other people's throats. He gets very angry about things: he cares very much about not discriminating over race or sex and was instrumental in securing minimum salaries for trainees so that the profession was not only open to people from middle-class backgrounds. But he uses his anger sparingly so that when he does express annoyance you take it seriously and you know he is probably seething."

Such visible integrity, and his mixture of conservatism and radicalism, may fit him well for another problem high on the agenda: the profession's image. Although research has found that individually people are usually satisfied with the service they receive from a solicitor, in general the image could be improved, Mr Elly admits.

One problem was the level of fraud now being uncovered within the profession because of extensive monitoring and investigation. "Fraud is something we must root out and we are now now doing so at an earlier stage." The profession "cannot afford to let the bill (for compensation) go on getting higher and higher."

"I abhor any fraud; and a solicitor's whole training should be that we don't commit fraud." However, it is up to the whole profession, he says, to be vigilant over fraud and work to stamp it out.

The biggest challenge facing the profession, he adds, is "to supply a quality service at a price the client can afford and in a way which still ensures solicitors can be profitable".

How do you say JP in French?

British-style lay magistrates have been reluctantly accepted across the Channel

It is not often that Uxbridge can claim to have shaped the destiny of a foreign power. But this west London suburb, bordering Heathrow, has earned its place in French legal history.

It was here, last February, that Pierre Mehaignerie, France's Minister of Justice, was introduced to the concept of lay magistrates — an idea he found so appealing he decided to take it back across the Channel.

With the number of legal cases in France rising by about 5 per cent a year, and even minor matters taking many months to reach court, M Mehaignerie wants English-style justices of the peace to ease the burden on his country's otherwise professional judiciary.


Justice Minister Pierre Mehaignerie

Officials pointed out that such a system could be implemented quickly and cheaply, with France getting 400 JPs for the price of 80 full-time judges. Suitably impressed by what he had seen in Uxbridge, M Mehaignerie introduced a clause paving the way for the introduction of magistrates.

Here, however, the minister's problems began. The national assembly, which debated the plan earlier this month, found the idea rather less appealing. The French parliament is never keen on adopting proposals that clearly have Anglo-Saxon origins. It also tends to balk at projects that are seen as simple cost-cutting exercises.

In the end, the proposals were passed, but only after one of the stormiest debates witnessed at the national assembly this year — a debate in which "invective got the better of serenity", according to one observer.

Among the greatest critics of M Mehaignerie's plan was Raoul Beteille, a member of the governing Gaullist RPR party and a former judge. He says: "Until the 1950s, justices of the peace existed in France but were entirely different to what the English understand by them. They were professionals but were close to the people and acted almost as conciliators. These latest JPs are nothing like that. They won't be trained and they will be recruited on the cheap to do the work of judges. It would have been better to have taken on 80 full-time properly trained magistrates. I know I'm being a bit hard on my own government but that's the way it is."

In order to get its Bill through the assembly, and pass such critics as M Beteille, the government had to make important concessions. Originally, the minister said that only people without a job — the unemployed or pensioners, for example — could become part-time JPs.

But the assembly insisted that candidates should have practised a "suitable profession" for at least seven years, and that it did not matter whether they were in work or not. "It is not entirely clear what is meant by a suitable profession, but I suppose they mean a solicitor's clerk rather than a dentist," a government official said last week.

The government hopes to recruit 400 JPs immediately, and another 400 over the next five years, placing them at the disposal of the full-time judiciary, who will call upon them when the workload becomes too great. The magistrates will also operate in a similiar way to their British counterparts, deciding minor civil and criminal matters, such as shoplifting.

ADAM SAGE

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Assessing awards for pregnancy dismissals

Ministry of Defence v Cannock and Others

Before Mr Justice Morison, Mrs M J Sunderland and Mr G. H. Wright

[Judgment July 29]

When laying down guidelines for industrial tribunals assessing compensation for sex discrimination in cases involving awards to servicewomen dismissed because they were pregnant, the Employment Appeal Tribunal suggested that tribunals needed to keep a sense of proportion and should not make an award of a size more appropriate to compensate a person who had some kind of long term disability.

Several of the awards which were the subject of the appeals and which the appeal tribunal regarded as excessive and wrong in principle could not be reduced because the Ministry of Defence had felt unable to pursue arguments which had not been pursued before the industrial tribunals.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so stated when considering appeals by the Ministry of Defence against awards of compensation made by different industrial tribunals in favour of the applicants: Mrs N. Cannock, Mrs A. Bolton-Braidwood, Mrs J. Davenport, Mrs F. Hadley, Mrs J. Smith, Mrs G.Skellon and Mrs M. Dill.

The ministry had conceded that the applicants had been discriminated against on the ground of their sex and the only issue was compensation.

The appeal tribunal was not asked to assess individual amounts of compensation. Leave to appeal was granted.

Mr David Pannick, QC, Mr Richard McManus and Mr David Wolfe for the ministry; Mr Patrick Elias, QC and Ms Dinah Rose for the applicants.

MR JUSTICE MORISON said that the seven appeals raised a number of specific issues. The appeal tribunal had also been invited to lay down general guidelines to assist tribunals in assessing compensation in other sex discrimination cases in the future.

The first issue was whether the correct measure of damages was tortious or contractual or a mixture of the two. The ministry's argument was that a contractual measure should be adopted.

The applicants had specific fixed term commissions or engagements. But for their dismissals, they said, not only would they have been employed for the remainder of the agreed period, but their commission would have been extended and therefore, they had lost the chance to secure for themselves a further term of engagement and the rewards that would have come as a result.

The ministry on the other hand said that it was not obliged to extend the engagement and, for the purpose of calculating compensation, should be taken to have exercised its rights in the way most favourable to itself, namely non-extension, so that the compensation should be limited to the period of the commission which the applicants held at the date of their dismissal.

It was clear that the correct measure of damage was based on the principle that, as best as money could do it, an applicant should be put into the position she would have been in but for the unlawful conduct of the ministry in dismissing her by reason of her pregnancy. The appeal tribunal rejected the ministry's submissions to the effect that a contractual measure of damage was appropriate.

The ministry had argued for a cut-off point at the end of the period of engagement.

The applicants' case was that the tribunal should make basic findings of fact which would determine over what period of time the applicant had suffered loss as a result of her discharge and at what rate the losses had accrued and the extent to which they should have been mitigated. Thus industrial tribunals had been faced with an all or nothing approach by both parties.

If they acceded to the ministry's argument as to the proper measure of damage, the applicants would get nothing for the loss of the chance that they would have extended their commission. If they acceded to the arguments on behalf of the applicants, tribunals would have treated as questions of fact, to be decided on the balance of probabilities, what would have happened but for the dismissal.

Neither of those two approaches was correct and tribunals had been led into error. There had been a confusion in the ministry's approach between damages for breach of contract and for tort.

Equally, for the applicants, tribunals had been invited to speculate as to what would have happened as if it involved questions of fact, to be decided on the balance of probabilities rather than matters of chance to be assessed in a broad and sensible manner.

It had become clear in the course of the submissions on the proper approach to be taken in the future, that Mr Elias, who did not appear below, accepted that there had been a confusion between the evaluation of a loss of a chance and a fact to be determined on the balance of probability.

Equally, Mr Pannick, who did not appear below, argued for general principles which had never been argued before. As he declined to alter his notice of appeal, the appeals in relation to four applicants, Mrs Bolton-Braidwood, Mrs Davenport, Mrs Hadley and Mrs Dill, would be dismissed.

The specific approach contended for by the ministry on that ground of appeal was wrong. In so far as the approach to extensions to commissions adopted by the industrial tribunals was also wrong, it was wrong for different reasons which the ministry had not relied on.

The second issue was causation and remoteness of damage. The third was mitigation.

It was contended by the ministry and accepted by the applicants, that the applicants were entitled to be compensated for such loss as was caused by the wrong done to them, providing that such loss was not too remote a consequence.

The specific cases which gave rise to that issue were those of Mrs Bolton-Braidwood, Mrs Davenport and Mrs Hadley. The ministry's case was that the applicants' failure to apply to rejoin the service broke the chain of causation and that the ministry was not liable for any loss after the date when the appellants knew or ought to have known of their right to apply to rejoin.

In relation to Mrs Davenport, the industrial tribunal found she had failed to mitigate her damage, whereas in the other two cases the tribunals found that neither had failed. It was more correct to regard the ministry's argument as relating to mitigation of damage rather than causation.

The tribunal's decision that Mrs Bolton-Braidwood who had found a new job within three months of giving birth to her child, had acted reasonably was correct. In Mrs Davenport's case the tribunal found that she had not made all the efforts she might have done and deducted 20 per cent from her award. However, the tribunal had found that she would have extended her engagement to a 22-year term without ever considering whether she would have wanted to return to the WRNS.

That was an example of a tribunal making a finding of fact in relation to a hypothetical question: what were the chances that she would have extended her period of engagement having regard to what actually happened? They treated as a certainty that which must be very uncertain.

It was a sensitive issue because it was easy to make improper assumptions based on gender. Women were equally entitled to pursue their careers as men. That said, industrial tribunals could not ignore the fact that many women chose to stay at home when their children were young and were fulfilled in so doing.

Purely in terms of the tribunal's approach to the question of mitigation, the decision in relation to Mrs Davenport could not be faulted, but their general approach to compensation was erroneous.

The tribunal's approach in Mrs Hadley's case was wrong for the same reasons. However the ministry had chosen to make only *limited objection to the award.*

The tribunal had held that her decision no longer to seek work nine months after the birth of her first child was based on a reasonable assessment of the position she found herself in following her compulsory discharge from the Navy. That was a misdirection.

If her case was that but for her dismissal she would have remained in her career and sought to be compensated therefore, unless she had taken all reasonable steps to obtain alternative employment, she could not be said to have mitigated her loss.

The appeals in relation to Mrs Bolton-Braidwood and Mrs Davenport would be dismissed and the appeal in relation to Mrs Hadley on that issue would be allowed and remitted to the tribunal for reconsideration.

Issues four and five concerned loss of congenial employment and loss of career prospects. There was a sufficient overlap between the two heads of damage for industrial tribunals to confine themselves to making an award for injury to feelings, where such had been proved, which would include compensation for the hurt caused by the loss of a chosen career which gave job satisfaction.

In the two cases to which the issue was relevant there had been an overlap and the appeals in the cases of Mrs Smith and Mrs Cannock on that issue would be allowed.

In Mrs Smith's and Mrs Dill's cases the industrial tribunal had deducted child care costs that would have been incurred if they had returned to work after the confinement. Child care costs which would notionally have been incurred to enable an applicant to return to work should be set off in full against damages for loss of earnings.

The appeal tribunal dealt with question of interest on awards an contribution for calculating pension loss and went on to give general guidance to tribunals.

There was a need for industrial tribunals to keep a sense of proportion when assessing compensation. Because the policy of the law was to treat absence due to pregnancy as an event which did no more than involve a relatively short period of time away from the workplace, a tribunal should not make an award of a size which was more appropriate to compensate a person who had some kind of long term disability. The large awards running into many tens of thousands of pounds seemed quite out of proportion to the wrong done.

When considering compensation for loss of earnings the first hypothetical question a tribunal had to ask was what were the chances that had she been given maternity leave and an opportunity to return to work, she would have returned. The question was to be answered on the basis of the best assessment that the industrial tribunal could make having regard to all the available material. That would comprise the statistical material which was now available showing the percentage of servicewomen who, having the option, returned to work after childbirth, namely 46 per cent.

The tribunal would also wish to consider what happened in fact after the baby was born because that might throw some light on what the applicant might have done had she had the opportunity to return to work.

Another question was what the chances were that the woman would have been in a position to return to work had she been given the opportunity. That would require tribunals to look at the demands put upon her and her family by the service to which she belonged.

Statistics were a good starting point in assessing the length of service a woman had hypothetically lost.

Tribunals should be wary of assessing the chance of promotion on the high side. It was not a question of fact; it was a matter of assessing the chances.

As to pensions, tribunals could approach the loss of pension rights in the same way as when assessing such a loss in cases of other people in the public service who did not have a funded scheme but who enjoyed the benefit of a pension underwritten by the state.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Steele & Co, Norwich.

New forms for seizure and freezing orders

Practice Direction (Ex parte *Mareva* injunctions and *Anton Piller* orders)

New standard forms for *Anton Piller* (search and seize) orders; worldwide *Mareva* (asset-freezing) injunctions and *Mareva* injunctions limited to assets within the jurisdiction should henceforth be used.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Latham in the Lord Chief Justice of England's Court, so stated in a *Practice Direction* handed down on July 28.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said:

1 The granting of a *Mareva* injunction or *Anton Piller* order was a matter for the discretion of the judge hearing the application. However, it was desirable that a consistent approach should in general be adopted in relation to the form and carrying out of such orders, since they represented serious restrictions on the rights of those persons subjected to them imposed after hearing only the applicant's case on an *ex parte* application. The *Practice Direction* set out guidelines for the assistance of judges and those who applied for those orders.

2 Attached to the *Practice Direction* were new standard forms of the following orders: Annex 1 *Anton Piller* order; Annex 2 Worldwide *Mareva* injunction; Annex 3 *Mareva* injunction limited to assets within the jurisdiction.

The forms, inevitably, were complicated, but their language and layout were intended to make it easier for persons served with those orders to understand what they meant.

Those forms of order were to be used save to the extent that the judge hearing a particular application considered there was a good reason for adopting a different form.

3 The following matters should be borne in mind in relation to an *ex parte* application for any of those orders.

A On an application for either a *Mareva* or an *Anton Piller* order

(i) Where practicable the papers to be used on the application should be lodged with the judge at least two hours before the hearing.

(ii) An applicant should be required, in an appropriate case, to support his cross-undertaking in damages by a payment into court or the provision of a bond by an insurance company. Alternatively, the judge might order a payment by way of such security to the applicant's solicitor to be held by the solicitor as an officer of the court pending further order.

(iii) So far as practicable, any application for the discharge or variation of the order should be dealt with effectively on the return date.

B On an application for an *Anton Piller* order

(i)(a) As suggested in *Universal Thermosensors Ltd v Hibben* ([1992] 1 WLR 840, 861) the specimen order provided for it to be served by a supervising solicitor and carried out in his presence and under his supervision. The supervising solicitor should be an experienced solicitor, having some familiarity with the operation of *Anton Piller* orders, who was not a member or employee of the firm acting for the applicant. The evidence in support of the application should include the identity and experience of the proposed supervising solicitor.

(b) If in any particular case the judge did not think it appropriate to provide for the order to be served by a supervising solicitor, his reasons should be expressed in the order itself.

(ii) Where the premises were likely to be occupied by an unaccompanied woman and the supervising solicitor was a man, at least one of the persons attending on the service of the order should be a woman: see paragraph 2(3) of the standard form of order and footnote 2.

(iii) Where the nature of the items removed under the order made it appropriate, the applicant should be required to insure them: see Schedule 3, footnote 5 in the standard form.

(iv) The applicant should undertake not to inform any third party of the proceedings until after the return date: see Schedule 3, paragraph 6.

(v) In future, applications in the Queen's Bench Division would no longer be heard by the Judge in Chambers. In both Chancery and Queen's Bench Divisions, whenever practicable, applications would be listed before a judge in such a manner as to ensure that he had sufficient time to read and consider the papers in advance.

(vi) On circuit, applications would be listed before a High Court judge or a circuit judge sitting as a judge of the High Court specially designated by the presiding judge to hear such applications.

4 If an *Anton Piller* order or *Mareva* injunction was discharged on the return date, the judge should always consider whether it was appropriate that he should assess damages at once and direct immediate payment by the applicant.

5 The *Practice Direction* was made by the Lord Chief Justice with the concurrence of the President of the Family Division and the Vice-Chancellor. It applied to all Divisions of the High Court.

No deemed notice if letter returned

Re re Thundercrest Ltd

Provisions that notice should be deemed to have been effected at the expiration of 24 hours by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter could be disregarded where it was established without possibility of challenge, because a recorded delivery letter had been returned to the sender, that it had not been delivered.

Judge Paul Baker, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so held on May 27 when ordering the rectification of the register of a private company, Thundercrest Ltd, on the notice of motion of one of the three shareholders.

HIS LORDSHIP said that a provisional allotment letter of shares to the shareholder had been returned to the company and the other two shareholders, both directors, had the shares allocated to them.

Section 90(6) of the Companies Act 1985 was not inconsistent with the deeming provisions as to delivery in article 131 of Table A of the Companies Act 1948 but it did require that the period for acceptance had to be not less than 21 days.

Since the letter did not so specify it was defective. In any event, where the letter had manifestly not been delivered, the deeming provisions could be disregarded.

Treaty provisions govern date of receipt of application

Regina v Comptroller-General of Patents, Ex parte Archibald Kenrick & Sons Ltd

Before Mr Justice Aldous

[Judgment July 22]

Where an application for an international patent that had been sent by ordinary first class post was delayed, rule 97 of the Patent Rules (SI 1990 No 2384) did not operate to make the formal time of filing the time when the letter would normally have been delivered at the Patent Office.

Mr Justice Aldous so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the application of Archibald Kenrick & Sons Ltd for judicial review of the decision of the Comptroller-General of Patents of May 31, 1994 that their patents application should be accorded a receipt date of December 17 rather than December 16, 1993.

Rule 97 provides: "Any notice, application or other document sent to the office by posting it in the United Kingdom shall be deemed to have been given, made or filed at the time when the letter containing it would be delivered in the ordinary course of post."

Mr Colin Birss for the applicant; Mr Michael Silverleaf for the patent office.

MR JUSTICE ALDOUS said rule 97 did not apply to applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty 1970 (Cmd 4520) which governed international applications and was a complete code.

When acting as a receiving office under the treaty, the Patent Office had to apply the rules, regulations and conditions laid down in it and receiving offices in different states should not have a different *modus operandi* for international applications. Uniformity was the essential aim of the treaty.

Under article 11 of the treaty the filing date for an application was to be the "date of receipt" which meant the date of actual receipt rather than deemed delivery according to the rules of an individual state.

Solicitors: Winter Myerson; Treasury Solicitor.

David Miller on the contradictory passions driving 'Terrible Ted'

Turner's goodwill crusade rolls on

Ted Turner's launching of the Goodwill Games in 1986, no less than the founding his CNN empire in 1980, required nerve bordering on recklessness, impulsive self-confidence and a sporting sense of adventure bred from his southern, Savannah background. No wonder he is known to his close friends as Terrible Ted.

All his life, Turner has been a yachtsman, competing unsuccessfully for an Olympic place at Rome, Tokyo and Mexico in Flying Dutchman or 5.5 metre, then successfully defending the America's Cup in 1977. On an ocean race from Nassau to Jamaica, his boat was trailing the fleet, and he asked his navigator what might be done.

"We could go between these two islands, which would save an hour," he was told. What was the problem? "There's a reef." What was the chance of clearing it? "About ten per cent, skipper." Turner did not hesitate. "That's good enough for me, let's go for it."

They duly went aground, laboriously hauled themselves off, and two hours later were clear — back where they started. "With the tide lifting, what would our chances be now?" Turner asked the navigator. The same, about ten per cent, he was told. Terrible Ted's steely blue eyes did not flicker. "That's good enough for me, navigator." Soon they were hard aground again.

Turner's bulldog conviction in his sense of direction fluctuates between triumph and naivety: sometimes based on unerring economic instinct, sometimes sentimentality, sometimes the belief that he carries a moral responsibility for the rest of the world. Interviewing him is like sitting in a wind tunnel, one's ears pinned back by the torrent of assertions, often extreme.

He was appalled by the consecutive Olympic boycotts of Moscow and Los Angeles. "We did it first," he laments. Turner calculated that if the superpowers ignited their arsenal, they would obliterate not only their own 11 per cent of the world's population, but most of the rest, too. When earlier empires disintegrated, he argued, the Colosseum, Parthenon and Pyramids remained, while now Armageddon would leave the globe with just holes in the ground.

Thus he invented the Goodwill Games. So far it has cost Turner Broadcasting System some $100 million. "We succeeded beyond my greatest hope," he said. He justifies the altruism by the legacy of facilities: new swimming pools in Seattle and St Petersburg, a track and field stadium in New York, for 1998, where at present there is none. Tomorrow, he flies to Siberia to study a site for 2002, unworried that some of the better professionals have not showed, or performed, here in St Petersburg.

"I'm just cheering, and paying the bills," he boomed. "You have to maintain relationships [even if the Cold War is over]. The situation in Russia is unstable, but there are ongoing benefits. Friendly TV exposure. People have said every time the Goodwill Games would not work, but the athletes like them. There are not many such Games for the majority of sports, so why not every four years between the Olympics? It's a fine deal."

Yet beneath the altruism lies commercial advantage. These Games have cost less than his outlay on the Lillehammer Winter Olympics, creating original programme time for his cable networks.

Turner's loyalty is renowned. Once, when friends who had finished outside the prize-list tried talking him out of attending a formal regatta dinner, he refused. "I finished 33rd," he said, "but I'll be there. Somebody's got to cheer."

His is an extraordinary blend of business energy — in his intense rivalry with the Murdoch empire — and inherent romanticism. After his father's suicide, his adolescent mentor was Jimmy, the black family retainer. On a passage from Florida to Savannah, his yacht was dismasted. Jimmy was attempting to reactivate the radio. Turner halted him. "Columbus didn't have an aerial," he insisted. "We'll make it on our own. We'll motor." Half an hour later, they ran out of fuel. "Master, what would Christopher Columbus have done now?" Jimmy inquired.

Turner is an American phenomenon. His friends recall that he was "thrown out of most universities in the States for his bizarre eccentricity," yet they acknowledge his organisational genius in the development of his worldwide news-service revolution. The romanticism sustained the Goodwill Games.

Turner exudes nervous energy. A *Financial Times* article said that, by actuarial calculation, Turner had ten years longer to live than Murdoch, to which Turner had responded: "That'll give me ten years of peace." Subsequently, Murdoch wrote to him: "Time may be running out. Let's have words before it's too late. Your pal, Rupert." How can you dislike someone with such a sense of humour, Turner observed.

In Moscow in 1986, he chatted with Gorbachev. "You should start the armaments reduction," Turner brazenly told the Soviet president. Why, Gorbachev asked? "Because Reagan cannot possibly do it, the Republican right would bring the roof down. But you can reduce ten per cent without weakness, and be remembered for all time for the initiative." Gorbachev subsequently won the Nobel peace prize for his statesmanship. I suspect that Turner's wish is more to be remembered than to be rich.

☐ Turner confirmed yesterday his intention to bid for the CBS network — a potential rival to screen the 2000 Olympics.

MARK ELLIDGE



Turner, founder of the Goodwill Games, justifies his altruistic creation by its legacy of sporting facilities

Ferrari's success promises return to title challenge

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN HOCKENHEIM

THE gaggle of drunken Germans at the track gates looked decidedly sour, the Italians partying in the paddock were unconfined in their joy, but the guardians of Formula One did not know whether to laugh or cry. Ferrari answered their prayers with their first win for 58 races and nearly four years here on Sunday, but the refuelling fire that engulfed Jos Verstappen and his Benetton-Ford was almost the stuff their worst nightmares are made of.

Pat Symonds, Michael Schumacher's race engineer and Benetton's head of research and development, yesterday blamed the fire on a faulty valve in the refuelling rig that should have closed when it was withdrawn from the car's tank but did not. "We always said refuelling was a stupid idea," Symonds said. "Somebody is going to say 'I told you so' but obviously they should have said it a bit louder. We must not overreact, but we need to sit down and think about it."

After the horror of the initial spectacle, though, it became clear that the safety precautions taken by the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA), coupled with the vigilance of team members, prevented a tragedy. Fireproof overalls and helmets protected Verstappen and his mechanics and Bernie Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, insisted the incident would not provoke a rethink on the use of refuelling.

Ferrari's victory holds far greater long-term significance. Gerhard Berger's win sealed the team's re-emergence as a real force in Formula One and edged the sport nearer to having genuine competition between four leading teams. This season, the Italians' role may be confined to that of kingmaker for either Williams or Benetton; next year, when McLaren, too, may have recovered some of their old poise, they are likely to be a real force in the championship themselves.

Their renaissance, which may continue on the power circuits of Monza and Spa in forthcoming weeks, has coincided with the appointment of the Frenchman, Jean Todt, as team director just over a year ago. He restructured the labyrinthine company, instructing the team's English designer, John Barnard, who works from a base in Surrey, to concentrate solely on future developments so that Ferrari, Formula One's flagship team, could focus their efforts on the present season from Maranello, their Italian headquarters, without reference to him.

Todt, who joined Ferrari from the French engine manufacturer, Peugeot, said categorically that the team would continue with Berger and Jean Alesi as their drivers next season, maintaining the continuity that has been another factor in their recovery.

"People have talked about Nigel Mansell coming back," he said, "but it is not going to happen. It would not be the right thing to do because we have contracts for our drivers and it would come back to haunt us in the end.

"I knew there would be pressure when I took this job, but I did not realise how much pressure, but now we can continue our work in a calm manner. Today, we can celebrate, tomorrow, we must go back to work once more to give this day a sequel."

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Newly qualified chartered and incorporated engineers and technicians

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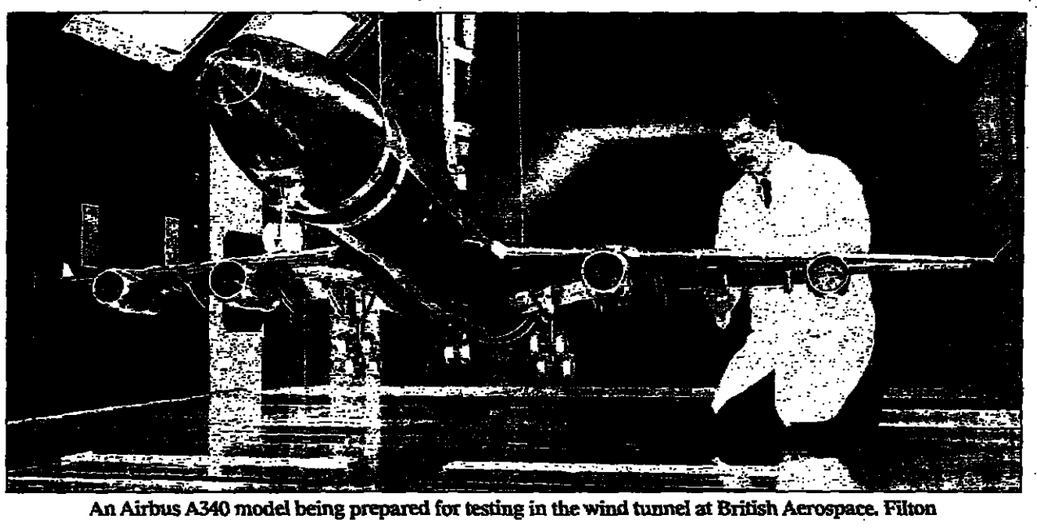
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An Airbus A340 model being prepared for testing in the wind tunnel at British Aerospace, Filton

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Explorer's daughter decides on a 'bit of an adventure' on the high seas

Actress to undertake her most demanding role

By Simon Barnes

WHEN Chay Blyth announced the BT Global Challenge last summer, to follow the original British Steel Challenge of 1992-93, he had 6,000 applicants for 165 places on the 1996 fleet, each of which cost the successful entrant £18,750. *The Times* reserved two berths — one for a man and one for a woman — and offered bursaries towards their costs and the chance to write about their experiences in the paper.

Readers were asked to submit an essay on why he or she wanted to take part in a tough yacht race against the prevailing winds and currents. Anyone aged between 21 and 60 was eligible. From 2,687 entrants, 12 were selected for a training weekend to decide who should fill the berths.

The race starts from Southampton in September 1996, when the fleet of 67-foot yachts under the guidance of profesional skippers, sets sail for Rio de Janiero at the start of a 30,000-mile adventure, which will take the crews round Cape Horn and across the dangerous Southern Ocean. The Challenge ends at Southampton in June 1997.

Lucy Fleming. How very odd. Odd because so much of my professional life is involved with the colossal ambitions, armour-plated egos, gigantic ill-concealed terrors and monumental self-absorption of the professional athlete. A different matter with Lucy Fleming.

My normal task at an interview is to interpret the huge and lumbering fears and hopes that dominate the lives of professional sportspeople, and to make them vivid and comprehensible to people who live in the real world. The life of the professional athlete is strange and rarefied, but it is the normal currency of my journalistic life.

Some of these people start out like the rest of us; very few end up that way. The crazed life cannot help but leave its mark. I am accustomed to dealing with extraordinary people: athletes, a breed, on the whole, of Martians.

But I have just paid a brief visit to earth, to Lucy Fleming's house. I felt at home in it, no trophies, no photographs of triumph, no piles of festering kit: a house that reflected no hunger for victory, no fear of defeat. An ordinary enough person, not unlike the ordinary people I actually know. She works in professional theatre, like many of my friends and relations. Involved in horses, like me and many I know. Has conversations, not interviews.

No, this was not the usual sort of professional assignment, more like visiting a friend of a friend. Go and see Lucy if you're passing through Oxfordshire, I'm sure you'll get on.

So: no colossal ego to interpret, no shattering defeat to explain away, no vaulting ambition to de-glamourise. A nice woman, an effortless 46, with a happy family life, interesting professional challenges, plenty of decent horses about the place. What more could anyone want?

What indeed? To go round the world in a tin sailing boat, apparently. She is one of the winners of a berth reserved by *The Times* on a boat that will be taking part in the 1996-97 BT Global Challenge.

There is a Nancy Mitford character who talks smugly about "all this" — meaning a gracious ducal life, servants, wealth, and the sycophancy of the mighty. Fleming's "all this" is impressive enough: a lovely Oxfordshire farmhouse, marriage to Simon Williams, an actor himself, perhaps best known for *Upstairs, Downstairs*, partnership in a stud-farm, constant traffic outside, but always horses. A life of great content: you'd be mad to risk it.

Perhaps there was a worm of discontent gnawing away inside this contented and successful woman, a feeling that "all this" was fine enough, and yet ... and yet ...

She saw details of the BT Global Challenge, the round-the-world yacht race for amateurs, set out in *The Times*, didn't clip the piece. Didn't forget it, either. "It kept niggling me." Then a sudden, capricious need for action. She dug her way through a month's pile of abandoned newspapers in the washroom. Couldn't *find it*.

She discovered that the deadline for entries was that day. Rang up her son: have *you* got last Monday's *Times*? He had. Well, I'll apply, then.

She is rather inclined to blame her father for this. He was Peter Fleming, and in 1932, he set off on a mad, half-cocked adventure up the Amazon in search of a chap called Colonel Fawcett. He covered 3,000 miles, "mostly under amusing conditions", as he explained in the self-deprecating argot of the time. He filed reports on the journey to *The Times* and wrote a successful book about it all.

Fleming read her father's book at an impressionable age. "It *is* so difficult nowadays to travel with any sense of achievement. It goes back to my father: to have a bit of an adventure. I just wish I was 20 years younger and twice as strong ..."

There is an enormous amount of difference between deciding to go round the world on a boat and deciding to join in, applying for a total of two reserved berths. By simply applying, you have done your duty to your sense of adventure without changing your life at all.

> 'Most people think I am completely mad but one or two come out and say how brilliant'

Even when she was selected as a *Times* finalist, the odds against joining the race were satisfactorily long. But then came the dread message from Chay Blyth: "My knees went to complete jelly. Hoist with my own petard. The magnitude of it all. The actual reality of the damn thing."

Her life is full of interesting details: niece of Ian Fleming, daughter of the actress Celia Johnson, glamorous moments in gossip columns. But her history includes a passage of nightmare: the death by drowning of her first husband and her daughter, aged eight, in a boating accident. It all happened 13 years ago, when the couple had already been estranged for a year. Fleming herself was at a West End gala performance at the time of the accident, which took place during a party on a houseboat on the Thames.

"No, no, I don't think that has anything to do with my wish to take part in the Challenge. I don't think there's a connection. I don't feel that I am laying a ghost. It could just as well have been a car accident, you see.

"I have lived on boats, I had lived on *that* boat, I've always liked boats and the accident didn't put me off them. Maybe it should have done. But, no, if there is a family reason for taking this on, it has to do with my father."

And so the adventure begins to take solid shape, distant but looming, more threatening than any first night. The learning — "a new language" — and the team-bonding is beginning. "Doing a play is like being part of a crew: you work together, shed personal animosities, meet personal challenges, launch the whole thing and hope it doesn't sink. Though you don't have to live with the whole cast day and night. And you tend to be drier. And warmer."

The call to the oceans came. Since then, the world has divided into two classes of people. "Most people think I am completely mad. But one or two, just one or two, come out and say, how brilliant, how wonderful. As for me, I'm finding out, bit by bit. The more I find out, the more alarmed I may get — I just don't know. I'm like a reformed drinker: one day at a time."

SIMON WALKER



Fleming and friend she will leave behind at her home in Oxfordshire

European ordeal provides guide to Olympics

From Jenny MacArthur in The Hague

THE world three-day event championships, which were won by Britain here on Sunday, have played a significant role in the International Equestrian Federation's (FEI) research into the effect of heat on competition horses.

The higher than expected heat and humidity for the speed and endurance phase on Saturday was monitored by the Animal Health Trust as part of the data they are collecting for the FEI. In November, when all their research has been assembled — including the results of a field trial in Atlanta later this month — the FEI, advised by its veterinary commission, will decide whether the Olympic Games three-day event in Atlanta should go ahead.

Speaking at an open forum on the sport here yesterday, Lord Carew, the chairman of the international three-day event committee, said: "At this stage, we're extremely positive, but the welfare of the horses is paramount. If, when all the information is collected, the outlook is not good, then the event will be cancelled."

Saturday's speed and endurance phase had temperatures (in the shade) ranging from 23°C (73°F) and 70 per cent humidity at 9am to 30°C (86°F) and 55 per cent humidity at 6pm.

Because of the number of tired horses (though none was unduly distressed), the event has reinforced the FEI's belief that phase C — the second roads and tracks phase — will have to be modified in Atlanta, where the humidity is between 80 and 90 per cent.

In humid conditions, this phase, which is a recovery period for horses after phase B, the steeplechase, and before the cross-country, is not as effective. More research will be carried out in Atlanta late this month, when eight European horses compete in the equivalent of a one-star three-day event.

□ Kelly Brown's Alfredo, a member of the British show-jumping team, was "held over" at the horse inspection today and will be represented to the veterinary panel this morning. Today is the practice day for the world show-jumping championships, which start tomorrow.

ATHLETICS

CROWNPOINT, Glasgow: McDonald's Scottish Young Athletics League final: Team: 1, Mirfolia Black-isle 779pts; 2, Inverness Harriers 771; 3, Cambuslang Harriers 724.5.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 9 Philadelphia 5; New York 6 Pittsburgh 4; Chicago 9 St Louis 7; Los Angeles 7 Houston 1; Cincinnati 2 San Diego 1 (in 10); San Francisco 8 Colorado 4; Montreal 13 Florida 4.

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
Montreal	65	38	.631	—
Atlanta	62	42	.596	3½
Philadelphia	51	54	.486	15
New York	50	53	.485	15
Florida	45	59	.433	20½
Central division				
Cincinnati	61	43	.587	—
Houston	59	46	.562	2½
Pittsburgh	49	55	.471	12
St Louis	47	56	.456	13½
Chicago	47	56	.456	13½
West division				
Los Angeles	52	52	.500	—
San Francisco	52	54	.491	1
Colorado	50	57	.467	3½
San Diego	41	66	.383	12½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 5 Boston 2; Toronto 6 Baltimore 4; New York 4 Cleveland 1; Chicago 8 Seattle 1; Kansas City 9 Minnesota 5; Detroit 5 Oakland 4; California 4 Texas 3.

	W	L	Pct	GB
East division				
New York	64	38	.627	—
Baltimore	56	46	.549	8
Boston	50	53	.485	14½
Toronto	49	54	.476	15½
Detroit	46	58	.442	17
Central division				
Chicago	62	42	.596	—
Cleveland	59	43	.578	2
Kansas City	58	47	.552	4½
Milwaukee	50	54	.481	12
Minnesota	47	56	.456	14½
West division				
Texas	50	55	.476	—
Oakland	47	56	.456	2
California	44	62	.415	6½
Seattle	40	62	.392	8½

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON SPA: EWBA Triples championship: Preliminary round: Ainsty (Yorkshire) bt Malcombe Regis (Dorset) 21-18; Park Lincoln bt Seahouses (Northumberland) 19-18; Sand Cons (Bedfordshire) bt Leominster (Herefordshire) 20-10; Bolton bt Tiverton Borough (Devon) 20-11; Blackwell (Derbyshire) bt Belgrave (Leicestershire) 14-11; Clevedon Promenade (Somerset) bt Bushey (Hertfordshire) 19-17.

BOXING

TOKYO: World Boxing Council flyweight championship: Yuri Arbachakov (Russ, holder) bt Hugo Soto (Arg) ko 8th rnd.

CANOEING

WAUSAU, Wisconsin: Junior world slalom championships: Men: 1, P Hric (Slovakia) 192.46sec; 2, R Schaberg (Ger) 174.42; 3, D Kralj (Slovenia) 174.59. British: 9, N Buckley 180.99; 28, S Flower 191.43; 46, M Parker 202.17. Women: 1, S Kovakova (Slovakia) 192.46sec; 2, D Woods (GB) 197.70; 3, Y Rinoskova (Cz) 197.97. Other British: 8, C Fox 209.22; 14, A Bennett 225.46. Canadian singles: 1, M Martikan (Slovakia) 178.36sec; 2, M Wieczorek (Pol) 183.97; 3, D Stevanovic (Slovenia). British: 15, C Scotland 205.01; 18, C Barrett 209.99; 23, R Turner 213.97.

CRICKET

COLOMBO (one day): Pakistanis 195-8 (Salim 82); Sri Lanka Board President's XI 198-8. Sri Lanka Board President's XI won by two wickets.

CAMBRIDGE: WCA Area tournament: Yesterday: West 118-8 (R Brown 4-14). Lancashire and Cheshire 119-5. Lancashire and Cheshire won by five wickets. Middlesex 113 (K Smithies 4-14, S Redleam 4-36). East Midlands 81-4. East Midlands won on run rate. Thames Valley 140-9. Surrey 122-4 (C Barrs 54 not). Surrey won on run rate. Kent 121-7 (J Tebstone 4-16). Yorkshire 98-4. Yorkshire won on run rate.

AMPLEFORTH: Inter-counties under-15 festival: Final: Lancashire 188-9 (I Belshaw 71), Durham 189-7 (M Jane 61). Durham won by three wickets. Third place play-off: Gloucestershire 135 (M Gregg 64), Nottinghamshire 137-8. Nottinghamshire won by two wickets. Other results: Scotland 227-7 (G McIntyre 58, W Giles 57), Cleveland 200 (J Hobday 58). Scotland won by 27 runs. Yorkshire 226-5 (S Taylor 71, A Johnson 64), London Schools 180-5 (J Hein 57). Match drawn. Final positions: 1, Durham; 2, Lancashire; 3, Nottinghamshire; 4, Gloucestershire; 5, Cleveland; 6, Yorkshire; 7, Scotland; 8, London Schools.

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: Northumberland Challenge pro-am (Cramlington-Bamburgh-Cramlington, 113 miles): 1, C Lillywhite (Foremost-Kammor), 4hr 18min 38sec; 2, S Hempsell (Choice Accountancy), at 5sec; 3, A Roche (Isle of Man), same time. Scottish championship (Ayr, 98 miles): 1, G McGarrity (Aberdeen Wheelsports) 4:07:07; 2, N Cameron (Erskine CC); 3, A Matheson (Musselburgh RCC), all same time. Stourbridge CC (Stourport-on-Severn, 85 miles): S Gamble (Ashfield RC), 3:18:19. Royal Navy CC (Fareham, Hants, 44 miles): M Watch (Team Zoyland), 1:47:00.

TIME-TRIALS: Nottingham Clarion (100 miles): G Platts (Coalville Wheelers), 3:44:57. Team: Melton Olympic, 12:34:09. Bournemouth Arrow CC (50 miles): B Edwards (Rother Valley CC), 1:52:21. Team: Bournemouth Arrow CC, 6:07:35. Catford CC (50 miles): S Hunt (VC Slough), 1:56:13. Team: West Kent RC, 6:18:42. Barton Wheelers (25 miles): J Ramsbottom (Donnington RC), 52:53. Team: Axholme Wheelers, 2:49:47. Fenland Clarion (25 miles): I Cammish (Velo Vianto), 52:59. Team: Peterborough CC, 2:45:29. King's Lynn CC (25 miles): 1, M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 54:46 (course record). Team: Polytechnic CC, 2:51:47. Pendle Forest CC (25 miles): G Waddington (Pendle Forest CC), 54:32. Team: Pendle Forest CC, 2:49:08. Wolverhampton Wheelers (25 miles): H Roberts (Mid-Shropshire Wheelers), 55:18. Team: Sabre, 2:48:46. Stratford Wheelers (25 miles): R Morris (Westmead Team '88), 55:42. Team: TS Teesside, 2:58:36. Cotswold Rudruckers (hilly, 14 miles): R Peers (Bath CC), 38:52.

GOLF

MEMPHIS, Tennessee: Men's tournament: final scores (US unless stated): 267: D Pride 66, 67, 67, 67; H Sutton 67, 66, 68, 64; G Sauers 67, 66, 68, 66 (Pride won play-off at first extra hole). 268: N Price (Zim) 72, 66, 66, 64; 269: W Grady (Aus) 70, 66, 67, 66; D Barr (Can) 66, 69, 67, 67; R Cochran 67, 68, 65, 69. Others scores: 279: D Feherty (GB) 70, 68, 74, 67.

CANTON, Massachusetts: Women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 274: H Alfredsson (Swe) 70, 68, 70, 66. 278: P Bradley 67, 71, 72, 68; J Inkster 68, 69, 72, 69. 280: S Steinhauer 74, 69, 72, 65; P Sinn 70, 69, 73, 68. 281: A Miller 74, 69, 71, 67; M McNamara 68, 70, 73, 70; G Graham (Can) 72, 70, 68, 71. 282: R Walton 70, 69, 72, 71. 283: J Dickinson 71, 71, 72, 69; L Merten 70, 71, 72, 70; A Sorenstam (Swe) 70, 68, 71, 74.

GOODWILL GAMES

ARCHERY: Men: 70m Semi-finals: G Mitrofanov (Russ) bt E Eliason (US) 114-110; Jin Su Ho (S Korea) bt A Parenti (It) 108-105. Final: Gennadi beat Ho 111-105. Bronze-medal match: Parenti bt Eliason 112-110.

GYMNASTICS: Women: Overall: 1, D Kochetkova (Russ) 39.326pts; 2, S Miller (US) 39.268; 3, Y Grosheva (Russ).

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING: Long programme: Solo: 1, O Sedakova (Russ) 99.720pts; 2, B Dyroen-Lancer (US) 98.720; 3, M Aeschbacher (Fr) 97.520; 6, K Shacklock (GB) 94.920. Final standings: 1, Sedakova 197.200; 2, Dyroen-Lancer 197.020; 3, Aeschbacher, 194.050; 6, Shacklock 189.880. Duo: 1, B Dyroen-Lancer and J Sudduth (US) 99.000; 2, O Brusnikina and Y Pankratova (Russ) 97.800; 3, M Aeschbacher and M Lignot (Fr) 97.000; 5, K Shacklock and L Vakil (GB) 94.680. Final standings: 1, Dyroen-Lancer and Sudduth 197.880; 2, Brusnikina and Pankratova, 195.080; 3, Aeschbacher and Lignot, 193.720; 6, Shacklock and Vakil, 189.140.

VOLLEYBALL: Women: Group A: Russia 3 United States 0; Holland 3 Germany 1. Group B: Japan 3 Peru 0; China 3 Cuba 1.

MOTOR SPORT

BROOKLYN, Michigan: Marlboro 500 Indycar Race: 1, S Goodyear (Can) 1994 Lola-Ford-Cosworth, 250 laps, 159.800mph; 2, A Luyendyk (Holl) 1994 Lola-Ilmor, 249; 3, D Dobson (US) 1994 Lola-Ford-Cosworth, 248; 4, T Fabi (It) 1994 Reynard-Ilmor, 245. 5, M Smith (US) 1994 Lola-Ford-Cosworth, 240; 6, H Matsushita (Japan), 1994 Lola-Ford-Cosworth, 239. 28, N Mansell (GB) 1994 Lola-Ford-Cosworth, 35.

KNOCKHILL, Fife: Auto Trader RAC British touring-car championship (32 laps, 41.60 miles): Thirteenth round (GB unless stated): 1, A Menu (Switz) Renault Laguna 30min 0.28sec (83.18mph); 2, P Radisich (NZ) Ford Mondeo +0.36sec; 3, S Soper BMW 318i +0.45sec; 4, J Allam Vauxhall Cavalier +11.54sec; 5, J Cleland Vauxhall Cavalier +16.09sec; 6, R Rydell (Swe) Volvo 850 +21.49sec. Fourteenth round: 1, Soper 29min 54.21sec (83.46mph); 2, Radisich +1.49sec; 3, Menu +2.66sec; 4, T Harvey Renault Laguna +3.16sec; 5, Allam +3.84sec; 6, Cleland +3.92sec. Championship positions: 1, Tarquini 198pts; 2, Radisich 180; 3, Cleland 146; 4, Menu 130; 5, P Watts (Peugeot 405) 85; 6, Soper 76. Manufacturers overall: 1, Ford 205pts; 2, Alfa Romeo 204; 3, Vauxhall 180; 4, Renault 143; 5, BMW 136; 6, Peugeot 129. Total Cup privateers: 1, Kaye 246pts; 2, Smith 198.

VAL DES TERRES, Guernsey: Gulf Oil RAC hill-climb championship: 1, R Lane (Pilbeam) 31.28sec; 2, D Grace (Pilbeam) 31.35; 3, A Priaulx (Pilbeam) 31.41. Championship standings (after 12 rounds): 1, Grace 91pts; 2, M Colton 98; 3 Lane 82.

SQUASH

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: Men's world junior championship: Selected second-round results: A Barada (Egypt) bt S Van Der Dussen (Holl) 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; C Tomlinson (Eng) bt L Harms (Switz) 9-1, 9-1, 9-5; N Dickson (Scot) bt A Martinez (Arg) 9-7, 9-7, 9-8; K Mahmoud (Pak) bt C Hamilton (Scot) 9-1, 9-7, 9-2; M Soo (Malaysia) bt D Wellbank (Aus) 9-2, 9-6, 7-9, 9-3; M Fleeni (Aus) bt G Webber (Wales) 9-4, 9-3, 9-4; D Mudge (Aus) bt M Tuffin (NZ) 9-2, 9-1, 9-2; M Cowie (Eng) bt Amjad Khan (Pak) 9-8, 9-4, 9-5; O El Borolosy (Egypt) bt F Stenzel (Austria) 9-5, 9-0, 9-4; J M Arcucci (Fr) bt T Cabral (Br) 9-6, 10-8, 9-6; I Higgins (Eng) bt J Jungling (Swe) 9-5, 9-5, 9-0; Akbar Khan (Pak) bt M Benjamin (Wales) 9-4, 9-3, 9-3; T Lincou (Fr) bt Tsz-Kaung Yan (HK) 9-4, 9-1, 9-2; M Barrett (Eng) bt R Batmoria (India) 9-4, 9-0, 9-3; A Toes (Eng) bt P Peters (Aus) 9-4, 9-0, 9-0.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Knockout Cup: Semi-final (second leg): Eastbourne 55 King's Lynn 41. Aggregate score: Eastbourne 96 King's Lynn 86.

Both legs to be restaged.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

BERLIN: World athletics championships: Men: 200m: T 32 (paralysed): 1, J Rempel (Can) 39.12sec; 2, P Williams (GB) 39.20; 3, G Rickett (GB) 47.69. T 33 (paralysed): 1, D Larson (US) 29.40sec (world record). T 35 (paralysed): 1, F Gomez (Spain) 27.54sec; 2, G Robertson (GB) 27.88. T 36 (paralysed): 1, M Allek (Alg) 25.42sec. T 37 (paralysed): 1, S Payton (GB) 25.09sec. 800m: T 33 (paralysed): 1, D Larson (US) 1min 55.66sec (world record). T 36 (paralysed): 1, A Wrobel (Pol) 2min 11.84sec. T 37 (paralysed): 1, M Kooy (Holl) 2min 10.42sec (world record); 2, J Nethercott (GB) 2.14.06. 5,000m: T 10 (blind): 1, P Coelho (Por) 15min 15.39sec. T 11 (partially-sighted): 1, N Thatcher (GB) 15min 48.64sec. T 12 (partially-sighted): 1, K Rene (US) 18min 1.14sec. T 46 (leg amputees): 1, J-J Conde Pujana (Sp) 1min 41.01sec (world record). 10,000m: T 51 (wheelchair): 1, C Etzistorfer (Austria) 29min 34.17sec (world record). 4 x 100m: T 42 - 46 (amputees): 1, Australia 48.38sec. 4 x 400m: T 10 - 12 (blind and partially-sighted): 1, Germany 3min 28.04sec. T 52/53 (wheelchair): 1, France 3min 26.85sec. High jump: F 42 (leg amutees): 1, G Beitz (Ger) 1.79m. F 44 (below knee amputees): 1, A Kurls (It) 1.76m; 2, A Earle (GB) 1.76m. Triple jump: F 11 (partially-sighted): 1, A Lochmanov (Russ) 13.62m. F 12 (partially-sighted): 1, C Caballero (Cuba) 15.02m (world record). Shot: F 10 (blind): 1, A Fidalgo (Sp) 12.82m (world record). F 11 (partially-sighted): 1, K Mayr (Austria) 13.45m. F 12 (partially-sighted): 1, R Short (Aus) 13.37m. Discus: F 53 (wheelchair): 1, M Moorafshan (Iran) 29.98m (world record). F 57 (wheelchair): 1, F Lombaard (SA) 40.66m. Javelin: F 10 (blind): 1, R Buffalo (US) 45.94m. F 12 (partially-sighted): 1, F Gagne (Can) 49.02m.

Women: 200m: T 32 (paralysed): 1, L Gallagher (Ire) 47.71sec (world record); 2, L Duckering (GB) 53.15; 3, M Rice (Ire) 53.87. T 33 (paralysed): 1, L Matsancrea (US) 38.15sec (world record). T 35 (paralysed): 1, C Teuber (Ger) 34.15sec; 3, Caroline Innes (GB) 35.26. T 36 (paralysed): 1, K Lucas (Can) 31.15sec (world record). T 37 (paralysed): 1, A Quinn (Aus) 30.08sec (world record); 2, E Cruice (GB) 31.47; 3, A Rock (Ire) 32.91. 800m: T 37 (paralysed): 1, S Vestengen (Nor) 2min 46.76sec (world record); 3, A Rock (Ire) 3:12.33. 3,000m: T 11 (partially-sighted): 1, R Batalowa (Russ) 10min 4.33sec (world record). 4 x 400m: T 10 - 12 (blind and partially-sighted): 1, Germany 4min 20.01sec. Discus: F 42 (leg amputees): 1, G Kucinska (Pol) 24.58m. F 44 (below-knee amputees): 1, K Lewis (US) 30.40m.

EDMONTON: World wheelchair basketball championships: Final: United States 67 Great Britain 53. Third place play-off: Canada 72 France 62.

TENNIS

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont: Women's tournament: Final: C Martínez (Sp) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

TORONTO: Men's tournament: Final: A Agassi (US) bt Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-4, 6-4

KITZBÜHEL, Austria: Men's tournament: First round: H Wiltschnig (Austria) bt A Calatrava (Sp) 7-6, 6-0; J Burillo (Sp) bt F Davin (Arg) 6-2, 6-1; O Gross (Ger) bt F De Wulf (Bel) 6-2, 7-6; S Noszaly (Hun) bt W Schranz (Austria) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; M Ardinghi (It) bt X Daufresne (Bel) 6-1, 6-0; J-A Viloca (Sp) bt P Arnold (Arg) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4

WIMBLEDON: RAF championship: Men: Singles: Jnr Tech S Johnson bt Sgt M Lane 6-4, 6-1. Second tableau: Cpl B Ramsden bt Flt Lt C Timbers 6-4, 7-5. First tableau: Flt Lt T Johnson bt SAC D Ronayne 4-6, 7-6, 6-3. Plate: SAC A Kay bt Cpl M Beattie 6-3, 6-1. Inter-station doubles: Lyneham bt Uxbridge 6-2, 6-3. Women: Singles: Sgt C Mordecai bt SAC M Burgess 6-2, 6-1. Plate: Sgt S Mitchell bt Flt Lt P Mahoney 6-3, 6-3. Inter-station doubles: RAF Lossiemouth bt Henlow, scr (score 3-3 in first set). Men's veteran singles: Wg Cdr A Spearpoint bt Sq Ldr G Reekie 6-4, 5-7, 8-6.

YACHTING

MEDINA COWES WEEK: ROYAL THAMES YC (Sunday): Etchells: 1, Katemba (T Law). 2, Arbitrator (S Bailey); 3, Yes (A Gosling). Darings: 1, Dionysus (J and F de Courcy-Ling), 2, Dauntless (P Porter and G Peckham); 3, Damsel (J Sheldon). Sigma 38: 1, Serendip (G Trollope and P King); 2, Wind's Will (R Kendrick); 3, Solent Plexus (B van Bilderbeck). Sigma 33: 1, Typet (J and D Rowley); 2, Solitude Too (P and S Taylor); 3, Stickleback (J Godfrey). Sonatas: 1, Cadenzza (C Bngg and J Froy); 2, Obsession (G Davies); 3, Dry Red (D Lippold and S Vickery). Redwings: 1, Siskin (T and M Montague), 2, Avocet (M Richardson); 3, Skua (R Morrison). Sunbeams: 1, Fay (K Webster and R Pearson); 2, Santa Baby (M Williamson); 3, Jenny (A Stannah and A Robinson). J24: 1, Jessica Rabbit (J Shorrock); 2, Virjin on the Ridiculous (C Stobert-Hook); 3, Fuzzy Duck (P Woodman). Swallows: 1, Echo (C Body and S Miller); 2, Boomerang (J and G Buckwell); 3, Goosander (M Upton and N Pattinson). Flying 15s: 1, Funny Feeling (R and J Mander); 2, Mr Toad (P Rudling), 3, Comfortably Numb (N and F Kidd). CHS Class IV: Miss Piggy (M Vincent and S Larkman); 2, Owl (P Bruce); 3, Moonlight (M Delmar-Morgan). Class V: 1, Leda (D Brown and F Bergman), 2, Maverick (C Dearlove); 3, Addict (I Handley). CHS Cl: 1, Diamond (J Penn and A Nunn); 2, Last Straw (D Burgess) 3, Gambit 76 (R S Salter). Mumm 36: 1, Vaporetto-Polti (C Valtunni); 2, Brademenia (T Barrett); 3, Living on the Edge (T Evans). Dragons: 1. Hectic (J Williams); 2, Temeraire VII (A Bulmer); 3, Domino (P Morton). Mermaids: 1, Bluebell (NR Dobbs); 2, Cynthia (W Edwards); 3, Halluf (J and H Hill). Squibs: 1, Notorious (G Richards); 2, Wipeout (S Wright); 3, Satu (D Hewitt). Victory: 1, Zinnia (J Lear); 2, Blackbird (R Brown and N Hill); 3, Dunlin (D Penn). XOD: 1, Xanthus (R and W Westmacott); 2, Vanity (W McNeill); 3, Tortoise (J Lacy)

Royal London YC: Etchells: 1, Raptor (A Eichenauer); 2, Intruder (M Law); 3, Yes (A Gosling). Daring: 1, Loup Garou VIII (J Clark), 2, Damsel (J Sheldon and A Matusch); 3, Ding Dong (R Ottaway and C Matthews). Dragon: 1, Domino (P Morton); 2, Quicksilver (R Campbell); 3, Scimitar (J Sowry). Sigma 38: 1, Summer Pudding (D Knight); 2, Solent Plexus (B van Bilderbeck); 3, Yeoman XXVIII (HRH Prince Philip). Sonata: 1, Impromptu (P Sonksen); 2, Rhythm 'n' Blue (J Stupple), 3, Fruesli II (D and J Riley). Sigma 33: Sabra (G and J White); 2, Out of Order (R Fulford-Smith); 3, Powder Monkey (R Goddard). Redwing: 1, Quail (J Peel); 2, Red Gauntlet (V Stratton); 3, Avocet (M Richardson). Sunbeam: 1, Fay (K Webster and R Pearson); 2, Symphony (D McGregor and M Olszowski); 3, Jenny (A Stannah and A Robinson). J24: 1, Fruitcakes (J Bullock and A Wilson), 2, Jessica Rabbit (J Shorrock); 3, Virjin on the Ridiculous (C Stobert-Hook). Swallow: 1, Archon (J Vernon); 2, Echo (E Body and S Miller; 3, Avocet (J Houghton). Mermaid: 1, Bluebell (N and R Dobbs); 2, Jade (R Prest); 3, Halluf (J and R Hill). Victory: 1, Variety (R Perkin); 2, Zinnia (J Lear), 3, Woozle (N Selton-Smith). CHS Class 1: 1, Crackajack (K Miller); 2 Essex Girl (R Matthews); 3, Mandrake (T Pratt). Class 2: 1, Jamarella (A Grey); 2, Aera (N Lykiardopulo); 3, Independent Bear (K Hobday). Class 3: 1, Quencher (M Eaton); 2, Helios (T Mitchell); 3, Shady Lady 4 (H Tidd). Class 4: 1, Miss Piggy (M Vincent), 2, Toughnut (A Clifton); 3, First of April (I Millar). Class 5: 1, Backchat (R Townsend); 2, Nicolet Belle (CH Neve); 3, Addict (I Handley). Class 6: 1, Diamond (J Penn and A Nunn), 2, Last Straw (D Burgess); 3, Gambit 76 (R and S Salter). Mumm 36: 1, Aerosale 3 (M Renberg), 2, Mumma Mia (P Gaia); 3, Vaporetto-Polti (C Valtuini). Contessa 32: 1, Trader Jo (J Gresham); 2, Red Apple (M Jaffe), 3, Merak II (N Bradley). Squib: 1, Satu (D Hewitt); 2, Soojee (G Smith); 3, Bacchante VI (H Worden). SCOD: 1, Tuonela (R Harding); 2, Tio Pepe (TD Rooke); 3, Anjajo (R Johnson). Flying 15: 1, Funny Feeling (RJ Mander); 2, Forrader (D Rutherford); 3, Avalon (I Coryn). XOD: 1, Wenda (P Baines); 2, Xanthus (RW Westmacott), 3, Crumpett (PJ Grundy).

MUMBLES: Frebenet Laser II European championships: Race II: 1, A McMillan and J Mears, 2, C Oldham and T Oldham; 3, N Sanderson and V Taylor; 4, A Bones and D Bardwell; 5, S Murray and P Kameen; 6, A Edwards and S Edwards.

Saturday August 6

VICTORIA
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2 Ball Park v Frankston P
1 Box Hill v Ringwood
2 Knox v Doncaster
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2 Altona C v S Caulfield
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1 Sunbury v Chelsea
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1 Doveton v Essendon
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X Keilor v Melbourne
2 Preston v Pascoe Vale
X Sand'g'm v S Dandeno'g
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X Corio v Yarraville
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1 Malvern v Brighton
2 S Wantirna v N Coburg
1 West Vale v S Springvale
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X Ballarat v Heidelberg
2 Berwick v Williamstown
X Coburg v Mornington
1 Monbulk v Lalor
1 N Sunshine v Melton
2 Old Scotch v Brandon Pk
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
FIRST DIVISION
1 N Perth v Dianella
1 Perth Ital v Rockingham
2 Sorrento v Kingsway
X Spearwood v Swan IC
1 Stirling M v Inglewood
SECOND DIVISION
X Ashfield v Kelmscott
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2 Morley v Bassendean
2 Osborne Pk v Fremantle
1 Sun City v Gosnells
2 Wanneroo v Stirling T
THIRD DIVISION
1 Balga v Perth City
X Bunbury v North Lake
1 S Vasto v Balcatta
1 University v Queens Pk
2 West Yugal v Cockburn
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
PREMIER LEAGUE
2 Adelaide v Salisbury
1 Blue Eagles v WT Birkalla
X Modbury v Campb'town
1 Port Lion v Croydon
FIRST DIVISION
X Cumberland v Para Hills
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1 Enfield v Seaford
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2 Plympton v Central Dist
TASMANIA NORTH
PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Burnie v Riverside
2 Devonport v Juventus
1 Georgetown v Croatia
1 Ulverstone v Somerset
1 Western S v St Leonards

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): East Sunbury, Mooroolbark, Fitzroy, Keilor, Sandringham, Corio, Ballarat, Ashfield, Bunbury, Modbury, Cumberland, Elizabeth.
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□ Vince Wright

Vince Wright forecast six away wins out of eight last Saturday

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: Southend: Essex v Yorkshire. Maidstone: Kent v Hampshire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex. Nottingham High School: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire. Clevedon: Somerset v Northamptonshire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire. Second day of three: Chester-le-Street: Durham v Middlesex. Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan. Other match: Derby: Derbyshire v England under-19 (one day).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Camborne: Cornwall v Shropshire. First day of two: Lakenham Norfolk v Northumberland. Trowbridge: Wiltshire v Cheshire.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (first day of three): Oakham: England under-17 v India under-17.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES (7.30 unless stated): Barnsley v Hull (7.45); Bradford v Huddersfield (7.45); Brighton v Tottenham (7.45); Celtic v Flamengo; Charlton v Crystal Palace; Dunfermline v West Ham; Galway v Kilmarnock (7.0); Leyton Orient v Southampton (7.45); Stirling v Hibernian; Wigan v Sheffield Wednesday; Halifax v Doncaster.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF SULFIKER ALI ABDUL MOHAMMED CHATUR VIRJI KESWANI ("MR KESWANI")

On 15 June 1994 a bankruptcy order was made in respect of Mr Keswani and on 18 July 1994 the Secretary of State appointed Peter Norman Spratt and Dipankar Mohan Ghosh of Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB as trustees. Creditors of Mr Keswani are requested to send details, in writing, of their claims against Mr Keswani to the trustees, at the above address. Claims must be made on form 6.37, copies of which are available from the trustees.

A meeting of the creditors of Mr Keswani will be held at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB on Thursday 18 August 1994 10.30 am under the provisions of Section 296 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the appointment of a committee to represent the creditors. If at the meeting the creditors do not appoint a committee, the trustees will ask the meeting to agree the basis of their remuneration. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must complete and lodge with the trustees a form of proxy on a form 8.4 unless they are individuals attending the meeting personally, or are companies authorising a representative under the provisions of Section 375 of the Companies Act 1985. Creditors should note that proofs and (if applicable) proxies must be lodged at the above address by 4.00pm on Monday 15 August 1994.

P N Spratt
Joint Trustee
Dated: 28 July 1994

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER

Alan Paine (Wales) Limited

Registered Number: 711482. Trading Name: -. Nature of Business: Dormant. DTI Trade Classification: 08. Date of appointment of Administrative Receiver(s): 6 December 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver(s): Midland Bank Plc. Names of Administrative Receivers: Alan John Barrett, Derek Anthony Howell. Office Holder Number: 1098, 6604. Address: No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL.

The Insolvency Act 1986
High Court, London
No 002071 of 1994
Global Trust Acceptances Limited
(In Compulsory Liquidation)

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1987, I, I P Phillips of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, give notice that I was appointed Liquidator of the above on 12 July 1994 together with my partner, E J Wacey.

Dated 28 July 1994
I P Phillips
Joint Liquidator

WEMBLEY OLYMPIC BOWL LIMITED

Registered Number: 2705516. Nature of Business: Bowling Alley. Trade Classification: 8. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: Citibank Private Bank. Joint Administrative Receivers: P. S. Fleisher & Scott Barnes (Office holder nos: 8193 and 6323) of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London, NW1 2EP

K.M.C. Carpentry & Joinery Services Ltd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF, on 24th August 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Sections 99 et seq.

A list of names and address of the company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting of Creditors.

DATED this 21st July 1994
K. M. Crampsie - Director

Insolvency Act 1986
In the Leeds District Registry
Number 837 of 1994
DELTA TECHNOLOGY (COMPUTERS) LIMITED
(In compulsory liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules, that on 26 July 1994 I was appointed Joint Liquidator of the above named company which is in Compulsory Winding Up, by the Creditors of the Company.

Creditors who have not already done so, should submit their proof of debt to me at the following address: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD before the 3rd October 1994

Lynn Gibson
Joint Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No. 003905 of 1994
IN THE MATTER OF: ALLIANCE RESOURCES PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF: THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 17th June 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of share capital of the above-named company from £3,817,050.71 to £2,160,000 and the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by $6,808,195.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr.Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 5th day of October 1994.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. DATED this 21st day of July 1994. Hobson Audley 7 Pilgrim Street, London EC4V 6DR. Ref:CLW. Tel: 071-248 2299 Solicitors for the above-named Company.

MEDICAL REALIZATIONS LIMITED (IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
FORMERLY IMED LIMITED
Company number: 979206
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF MEDICAL REALIZATIONS LIMITED

On 26 July 1994 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and David John Bleakarn of Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 3QG was appointed liquidator by the shareholders. The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 5 September 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution. The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Date 26 July 1994
D J Bleakarn
Liquidator
Chartered Accountant

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Rose halts Glamorgan's dash for victory

SWANSEA (final day of four): Glamorgan (5pts) drew with Somerset (6)

IN CASE Glamorgan needed reminding, they found out yesterday that cricket is the cruellest of games. For three days and two sessions they brought purpose and spirit to this match despite Somerset's best efforts to kill it at birth. Then, in the last 22 overs, with victory in sight, they were forced to fight for their lives.

Metson and the boyish Phelps survived the last five overs, after seven wickets had gone down in the previous 16, though not without alarms. Van Troost, who had begun the innings with the field spread back to deny boundaries, ended it with every fielder in a catching position close to the bat. In the last over he bowled a ball that went for four wides between first and second slip!

The Dutchman had taken the first wicket with the last ball of his opening over when Dale slashed a rising ball to third man. In all he conceded 46 runs from 8.4 overs to go with the 172 he gave away in 29 overs in the first innings. How remarkable therefore — and how misleading — that Somerset eventually came so close to winning the game.

They began the final day 49 runs behind, with seven wickets in hand. Glamorgan has missed Barwick on Saturday, when his wife was giving birth to a daughter, in addition to Watkin, who has a back injury. Furthermore, they lost 12 overs to rain so their task, to make 142 in 22 overs, was stiffer than it might have been.

In Watkin's absence, Gibson carried a heavy load. He had taken five wickets in the first innings for the first time in his life. Now he returned his second career-best figures in the match, taking six for 80. What a pity he ran himself out for 81 on Saturday, otherwise he could have celebrated a truly outstanding individual performance.

Barwick also left another significant mark. He bowled ten maidens yesterday to make it 39 in the match, a veritable pulchritude and a county record. The previous best, 37, belonged to Don Shepherd, playing against Somerset at Glastonbury in the championship year of 1969. Barwick would undoubtedly have traded in some of those overs for two or three more wickets.

Once again, Hayhurst, the Somerset captain, provided the main resistance after Trescothick had gone for 115, his second championship century.

Turner also hung around to everyone's annoyance. When he patted Gibson to Cottey in the gully, his duck had occupied 42 balls.

Rose, pitching the ball well up, removed Glamorgan's best chance of winning the match by scattering the stumps of Hemp, with a swinging yorker, and then Gibson and Maynard. Somerset came close to winning the game in the end. Just imagine how much closer it could have been if they had actually tried to win it from the first ball.

☐ Tailender Eric Upashantha hit 18 runs in the last two overs as the Sri Lanka Board President's XI pulled off a surprise two-wicket victory in yesterday's limited-overs match against Pakistan in Colombo.

The President's XI, needing 196 in 47 overs, were in trouble at 128 for six after an effective spell by Mushtaq Ahmed but were seen home by Upashantha with three balls to spare. He took 11 off the penultimate over, bowled by the slow left-armer, Aamir Sohail, and then hit seven runs off the first three deliveries from the fast bowler, Waqar Younis.

Middlesex denied by Lewis's defence

BY SIMON WILDE

UXBRIDGE (final day of four): Middlesex (6pts) drew with Essex (6)

A DRAW was the last outcome either of these sides wanted. They did their best to arrange a finish on a pitch that had been heavily in favour of the batsmen for three days but were unable to get the chemistry right as it began to turn on the fourth. This was only the fourth championship match in the last seven weeks to be drawn.

After an hour of contrivance in the morning, during which Middlesex added 102 runs and Knight took the first wicket of his first-class career, Essex were left to score 381 from what proved to be 92 overs. They had a number of setbacks but did not give up their pursuit until Garnham was bowled round his legs by Tufnell at 215 in the 62nd over.

The loss in the third over of Stephenson, who played on against Shine, was a telling blow but Essex's hopes of victory were effectively dashed by the departure of Gooch to the tenth ball after lunch. Gooch had imperiously driven the first ball of the innings for four — taking his career aggregate to 39,833 and into fifteenth place in the all-time list ahead of M. J. K. Smith — and he clearly had his sights set on masterminding another fourth-innings chase.

His dismissal was not without controversy. He had swept at Weekes, the ball had looped up and been caught by Brown, the wicketkeeper, but it was clear from the way Gooch stood his ground and rubbed his arm-guard that he did not think the ball had touched his bat. When Knight was caught at short leg pushing forward to Tufnell nine overs later, Middlesex appeared to have the game in their grip.

It was to be over two hours, though, before they had another success as Lewis, displaying good judgment and no frills, and Hussain, purposeful as ever, added 120 runs. By tea, this pair had carried Essex to within 200 of their target and a late dash for victory was not out of the question.

The half-hour after the interval ended such speculation as three wickets tumbled for 15 runs. Hussain, having made his highest championship score for three months, fell for 86 to a sharp slip catch by Carr, Irani was leg-before playing no stroke to Tufnell and Garnham misjudged a sweep.

This left Middlesex with one end — the one not occupied by Lewis — to attack but they did so with a notable lack of elan. It took them 23 overs to get past Kasprowicz, who batted with the minimum of fuss in making 44, his highest score for Essex, by which point there were only seven overs, and almost no hope, left.

Towards the end, Gatting shuffled his bowlers to little effect. Shine and Emburey both provided further evidence that they struggle when asked to bowl sides out, and even Tufnell, who finished with three for 88 from his 35.4 overs, seemed short of ideas when met by the thrust of Lewis's left pad.

Lewis's was a magnificent piece of defence — he faced 201 balls for his unbeaten 76 — but routine by South African standards.

A career-best performance by Richard Stemp, the left-arm spinner, earned Yorkshire their second county championship win of the season with 14 balls to spare against Durham at Durham University. Stemp took six for 37 as Durham were dismissed for 162 and fell to their fifth successive defeat.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Wessels, who complained about the state of the wicket after being hit on the forearm, pushes the ball past the wicketkeeper, Nixon

Briers and Whitaker hold steady

BY IVO TENNANT

LEICESTER (final day of three): Leicestershire drew with the South Africans

TRY as they might, the South Africans could not rid themselves of a handful of tailenders yesterday. Their declaration at lunchtime was as challenging as it customarily is, and although Leicestershire were rarely up with the asking rate, it made for a decent finish.

Leicestershire were asked to score 267 in a minimum of 64 overs. Briers and Boon began with 64 in 19 overs and Whitaker played the innings of the day, taking on the fast bowlers in a manner which required some gumption on this fast pitch. When they had all gone, the South Africans took three quick wickets and, given a few more overs, would most probably have won.

Briers was a revelation. One cracking square cut for four, off Donald, was followed by three more in an over from de Villiers. Two of these were off his legs, as you might expect, and the third a splendid drive through mid-off. When he was out, taken at slip as he made to cut Shaw, Whitaker came in and batted in much the same vein.

So it was not inconceivable that Leicestershire would win. Whitaker took three successive fours in Snell's last over before tea, but countering Donald, who bowled as quickly as his colleagues could recall, was another matter. Smith and Maddy were both taken in the close field during his second, vital spell.

Whitaker then added 58 in 19 overs with Nixon before both went to Shaw, whose catch off his own bowling to remove Whitaker was nonchalantly taken, almost as if indulging in fielding practice. When Nixon was taken at mid-wicket, failing to clip the ball over the in-field, the South Africans looked as if they would gain a third successive victory: but ran out of overs.

They had left Leicestershire with as generous a target as they had Nottinghamshire in their previous match. Kirsten contributed an assiduous half-century, as did Cronje, who left for Headingley last night still undecided as to whether he wants to come back to Grace Road for next summer.

If he does, he will be pleased to be on the same side as Mullally, who if not quite the same proposition as Donald on this pitch, was lively enough. He had Cronje caught at second slip and then hit Wessels painfully on the right forearm with his first ball, an arm guard not providing sufficient protection.

The South Africa captain went to the local hospital for a precautionary X-ray once he was out, returning with two different pieces of advice. The radiographer thought there was a fracture: the doctor said there was not. Wessels, not surprisingly, took the advice of the latter. He had no intention of missing the second Test, nor of tempering his blackening mood. It was "stupid", he said, to prepare "a sub-standard pitch" just before a Test.

This was unfair. It was not Leicestershire's remit to play the South Africans into form. The pitch they came up with was firm and dry, as it was supposed to be, and not of unreliable bounce. Wessels was hit an inch away from where he was struck by Gough last week because, surprisingly for such a tough character, he turned his back on the ball.

Fiery Ambrose has final word

BY JACK BAILEY

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (20pts) beat Hampshire (5) by 24 runs

CURTLY Ambrose, bowling quite magnificently, returned his best figures for Northamptonshire yesterday — seven for 44 from 28.3 overs — and finally brought his team home after a century by Mark Nicholas had turned almost certain defeat into a promise of victory.

At 44 for four, with Robin Smith, leg-before, Ambrose's fourth victim of the innings, Hampshire were all but done: but, with great resolution, Nicholas stood firm, found willing partners in James and Aymes and scored 107, his first hundred since 1991, while at the crease for nearly four hours.

When Nicholas left, Hampshire required 63 from 16 overs from their last three wickets. What had seemed a strong possibility while he was still in receded to a forlorn hope and, if truth be told, the period of hiatus while Nicholas searched for that elusive hundred lost much of the impetus that had carried Hampshire to the brink.

When he eventually reached his century with an on-driven three off Ambrose, Nicholas had been nearly an hour, or roughly a quarter of his innings, in the nervous nineties. His pleasure was unconfined. He punched the air, waved his bat and did all but a lap of honour. It had been a fine century, marred only by a sharp chance to slip off Cook when he had made 96 and by the histrionic celebrations that accompanied his achievement.

The length of time Nicholas spent in the nineties caused Hampshire to hustle unduly in the later reaches of the game after what had looked like a cruise towards victory. Thus, Nicholas himself was caught behind after he had added seven. Udal hoisted Roberts to mid-on and Maru, after a couple of brave blows, perished to a catch at slip.

Hampshire's chances of winning had virtually gone when Maru left, for now Ambrose returned to bowl at the last pair. He was still hungry and 46 were still needed off nine overs. A huge six from Cowans kept Hampshire's hopes alive, but Ambrose had the last word, with more than three overs to spare.

Starting on Saturday, when his first spell had brought him two wickets for six runs off seven overs, Ambrose took his wickets in five devastating bursts. By tea, he had bowled 21 overs and taken five for 30. Lamb's policy of resting him even when Nicholas and company flourished was borne out when he was able to move in for the final kill.

☐ Ken Rutherford will retain the captaincy of the New Zealand team to tour India and South Africa later this year. The New Zealand cricket authorities said, however, that no decision had been taken on whether to confirm Geoff Howarth as coach. Howarth drew criticism in the media over New Zealand's poor showing on their recent tour of England, where they lost the three-match Test series 1-0.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Final day of four

Durham v Yorkshire

DURHAM UNIVERSITY Yorkshire (22pts) beat Durham (6) by 116 runs

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 405 (R J Blakey 94 not out, E Parker 52; S J E Brown 5 for 131)

Second Innings

S A Kellett b Cummins	6
M P Vaughan c Cummins	8
*C Byas stp b Cummins	0
B Parker c Scott b Graveney	32
C White low b Brown	7
†R J Blakey b Graveney	67
A P Grayson not out	62
M J Foster c Morris b Graveney	4
R D Stemp c Fowler b Brown	13
C E W Silverwood not out	5
Extras (b 7, w 1, nb 18)	26
Total (8 wkts dec)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-13, 3-26, 4-44, 5-94, 6-179, 7-190, 8-217

BOWLING: Cummins 18-0-55-3; Walker 17-3-43-0; Graveney 43-17-64-3; Brown 18-2-48-2; Bainbridge 3-1-8-0.

DURHAM: First Innings 367 (C W Scott 107 not out, J A Daley 84, C E W Silverwood 4 for 67)

Second Innings

G Fowler c and b Silverwood	0
M Saxelby c Foster b Robinson	24
J E Morris c Parker b Stemp	22
J A Daley low b White	23
J I Longley c White b Stemp	54
*P Bainbridge c Blakey b Stemp	15
†C W Scott c Byas b Stemp	0
A C Cummins low b Stemp	0
D A Graveney b Stemp	18
S J E Brown low b White	0
A Walker not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-41, 3-66, 4-85, 5-113, 6-114, 7-116, 8-161, 9-162

BOWLING: Silverwood 9-1-35-1; White 13.4-1-58-2; Stemp 22-9-37-6; Robinson 6-0-17-1; Vaughan 7-1-17-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews.

Middlesex v Essex

UXBRIDGE. Middlesex (6pts) drew with Essex (6)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 535 for 7 dec (M R Ramprakash 133 not out, M W Gatting 102, M A Roseberry 88, D L Haynes 83).

Second Innings

D L Haynes c Such b Knight	123
M A Roseberry c Garnham b Childs	30
*†M W Gatting not out	81
M R Ramprakash c Garnham b Gooch	34
M A Feltham not out	4
Extras (lb 1, nb 4)	5
Total (3 wkts dec)	277

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-195, 3-272

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 7-1-24-0; Andrew 16-0-53-0; Childs 13-1-66-1; Such 5-0-31-0; Knight 11.4-0-61-1; Lewis 8-1-32-0; Gooch 3-0-3-1.

ESSEX: First Innings 422 for 6 dec (G A Gooch 145, R C Irani 102 not out, N V Knight 59)

Second Innings

*G A Gooch c Brown b Weekes	36
J P Stephenson b Shine	0
N V Knight c Carr b Tufnell	93
N Hussain c Carr b Shine	86
J J B Lewis not out	76
R C Irani low b Tufnell	0
†M A Garnham b Tufnell	8
M S Kasprowicz low b Emburey	44
P M Such not out	0
Extras (b 12, lb 5, nb 18)	35
Total (7 wkts)	307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-80, 3-84, 4-204, 5-205, 6-219, 7-302

BOWLING: Shine 12-2-71-2; Feltham 7-1-30-0; Tufnell 35.4-7-88-3; Weekes 13-2-35-1; Emburey 24-9-66-1.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and V A Holder.

Glamorgan v Somerset

SWANSEA. Glamorgan (5pts) drew with Somerset (6)

SOMERSET: First Innings 372 (A N Hayhurst 121, R J Harden 90, R J Turner 64 not out, C D Gibson 5 for 79).

Second Innings

M N Lathwell b Gibson	6
M E Trescothick c Metson b Phelps	115
R J Harden low b Dale	7
I Fletcher b Gibson	18
H R J Trump b Phelps	17
*†A N Hayhurst c Metson b Gibson	65
†R J Turner c Cottey b Gibson	0
G D Rose c Morris b Gibson	38
V P Clarke c Metson b Barwick	2
J I D Kerr c Hemp b Gibson	4
A P van Troost not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 2, nb 12)	30
Total	302

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-31, 3-106, 4-160, 5-181, 6-207, 7-271, 8-280, 9-302.

BOWLING: Gibson 30.3-8-80-6; Dale 25-9-76-1; Phelps 37-14-70-2; Cottey 4-1-16-0; Barwick 13-10-44-1

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 533 (P A Cottey 191, C D Gibson 81, D L Hemp 77).

Second Innings

A Dale c Kerr b van Troost	5
*†H Morris run out	8
D L Hemp b Rose	10
M P Maynard b Rose	7
C D Gibson b Rose	0
P A Cottey c and b Trump	18
A J Dalton c Turner b Trump	7
†C P Metson not out	7
B S Phelps not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 4, nb 6)	18
Total (7 wkts)	84

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-18, 3-24, 4-24, 5-38, 6-59, 7-60

BOWLING: van Troost 6.3-2-45-1; Rose 6-0-14-3; Clarke 3-1-12-0; Trump 4-2-5-2

Umpires: J D Bond and D J Constant.

Hampshire v Northants

SOUTHAMPTON. Northamptonshire (20pts) beat Hampshire (5) by 24 runs

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 164 (A L Penberthy 56 not out, C A Connor 7 for 47).

Second Innings 358 (A J Lamb 131, S D Udal 5 for 119)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 229 (M C J Nicholas 53, J G Hughes 5 for 69)

Second Innings

T C Middleton c Lamb b Ambrose	6
V P Terry c Ripley b Ambrose	17
G W White b Ambrose	4
R A Smith low b Ambrose	18
*M C J Nicholas c Ripley b Penberthy	107
K D James c Penberthy b Ambrose	24
†A N Aymes c Lamb b Ambrose	31
S D Udal c Cook b Roberts	12
R J Maru c Ambrose b Penberthy	12
C A Connor b Ambrose	14
N G Cowans not out	6
Extras (b 9, lb 9, nb 4)	22
Total	269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-12, 3-41, 4-44, 5-140, 6-206, 7-231, 8-243, 9-268.

BOWLING: Ambrose 28.3-11-44-7; Hughes 13-3-45-0; Penberthy 19-4-50-2; Roberts 16-5-51-1; Bailey 3-0-20-0; Cook 21-8-40-0.

Umpires: A A Jones and R Julian

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwicks. (16)	11	8	0	3	29	37	194
Surrey (6)	12	7	4	1	25	41	178
Leics (9)	10	6	3	1	31	35	162
Essex (11)	11	5	3	3	23	40	143
Sussex (10)	11	5	2	4	23	36	139
Somerset (5)	11	5	4	2	26	32	137
Notts (7)	11	5	3	3	20	33	133
Glouc's (17)	11	3	5	3	16	41	113
Kent (8)	11	3	5	3	26	38	112
Lancashire (13)	10	4	4	2	13	34	111
Durham (18)	11	3	7	1	27	36	111
Northants. (4)	11	4	3	4	16	29	109
Middlesex (1)	11	3	2	6	25	35	109
Yorkshire (12)	11	2	4	5	24	36	92
Hampshire (13)	11	2	5	4	16	34	90
Worcs (2)	10	2	4	4	24	34	90
Derbyshire (15)	11	2	7	2	20	33	85
Glamorgan (3)	11	1	5	5	23	29	87

(Last season's positions in brackets)

Gloucestershire and Hampshire records include eight points for drawn matches in which scores finished level

Lancashire deducted 25 points because of unsuitable pitch.

Tetley Bitter Challenge
Leicestershire v South Africans

LEICESTER *(final day of three). Leicestershire drew with the South Africans*

SOUTH AFRICANS: First Innings 270 for 8 dec (D J Cullinan 66, G F J Liebenberg 59).

Second Innings

G Kirsten c Pierson b Millns	62
A C Hudson low b Mullally	9
W J Cronje c Millns b Mullally	54
*K C Wessels low b Millns	18
D J Cullinan not out	67
G F J Liebenberg c Smith b Pierson	1
†D J Richardson not out	2
Extras (b 8, lb 1, nb 2)	11
Total (5 wkts dec)	163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-113, 3-151, 4-154, 5-159

BOWLING: Millns 11.2-52-2; Mullally 14-3-38-2; Shreyas 4-0-33-0; Pierson 13-2-35-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 167 (P S De Villiers 6 for 67).

Second Innings

T J Boon c Richardson b De Villiers	24
*N E Briers c Cullinan b Shaw	45
J J Whitaker c and b Shaw	59
†F Smith c Kirsten b Donald	5
D L Maddy c Hudson b Donald	0
†P A Nixon c Liebenberg b Shaw	37
J M Dakin c Donald b De Villiers	1
A R K Pierson not out	7
D J Millns not out	21
Extras (b 5, lb 8, nb 4)	17
Total (7 wkts)	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-94, 3-113, 4-117, 5-175, 6-176, 7-192.

BOWLING: Donald 13-0-45-2; De Villiers 15-3-53-2; Snell 9-0-35-0; Cronje 5-2-10-0; Shaw 22.5-8-63-3.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and K J Lyons

Gibbs will not name win-bonus players

SCOTT Gibbs, the former Wales centre, now playing rugby league with St Helens, yesterday offered confirmation of win bonuses available to rugby union players in Wales but declined to name names.

Leading clubs in England, Scotland and Wales have received letters from the Inland Revenue this summer inviting them to reveal details of any payments made to players. Gibbs, who turned professional in April, said in an interview to be published this month in *Rugby World* that "every player in Wales knows that, when you play on a Saturday, if you win you can get a few quid".

Russell Jenkins, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union amateurism committee, said: "While there is always a certain amount of hearsay that players are being given win bonuses, the Union has no hard evidence to substantiate such rumours. If Scott Gibbs would like to give me evidence to support his statements, I would be pleased to receive it."

Test for Gillingham

SWIMMING: An England team of 29 — 15 men and 14 women, who met the qualifying standard — has been chosen for the Commonwealth Games in Canada this month. But there is some concern about Nick Gillingham, who missed the national championships because of a back injury. David Hunt, the team doctor, is to visit him later in the week when Gillingham will undergo a fitness test.

ENGLAND TEAM: Men: A Clapper (City of Coventry); A Clayton (City of Leeds); K Crosby (Warriors of Warrington); M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall); M Foster (Barnet Copthall); N Gillingham (City of Birmingham); M Harris (Waltham Forest); J Hickman (Stockport Metro); S Mellor (Satellite, Macclesfield); M O'Connor (City of Leeds); J Parnack (City of Leeds); A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham); J Salter (City of Birmingham); N Shackell (Millfield); I Wilson (City of Leeds). Women: A Bennett (Nova Centurion); J Deakins (City of Coventry); K Goddard (Portsmouth Northsea); S Hardcastle (Bracknell); M Hardiman (City of Birmingham); V Horner (Derwentside); C Huddart (City of Leeds); J King (Tigersharks, Swindon); K Osher (Barnet Copthall); K Pickering (Ipswich); S Ralph (City of Newcastle); H Stelzer (Warriors of Warrington); E Tattam (Portsmouth Northsea); N Thornley (Man Utd Salford)

Phelps the spearhead

MODERN PENTATHLON: Richard Phelps, the Gloucester scrap-metal dealer who is the reigning world champion, will lead the British challenge at the world championships in Sheffield next week. His six colleagues in the men's squad include Graham Brookhouse, a team bronze medal-winner at the 1988 Olympics. The women's team is dominated by recent British champions, with the holder, Rachael Wilmott, of Nottingham, joined by the 1993 winner, Vicky Rowe, and Kate Houston, of London, who took the crown in the previous year. The championships will have a new format, with all five disciplines held on the same day.

Mansell fails

MOTOR RACING: Nigel Mansell failed in his bid to win the Marlboro 500 at Brooklyn, Michigan, for the second year running when a throttle problem on the 43rd lap forced him out of the race. Mansell, who led at one stage after starting in pole position, had to settle for a disappointing 26th place. Instead, Scott Goodyear, of Canada, won the second IndyCar race of his career. "You just can't drive a race like that at these speeds," Mansell said afterwards. "It's just so, so dangerous. The car was handling absolutely fantastic. We were in the lead and we were really happy. It just went from being perfect to being flat out everywhere."

LeMond may retire

CYCLING: Greg LeMond, three times the winner of the Tour de France, is considering retiring from the sport after revealing yesterday that he is undergoing tests for lead-poisoning. The American was accidentally shot in a hunting accident in 1987 and 35 lead pellets remain in his body, including four in his liver and lungs and two in his heart lining. He won the Tour de France in 1986, 1989 and 1990 but dropped out of this year's event when he became exhausted in the sixth stage. "I'm not trying to make excuses," he said. "I want to come back and be on top, but it has been impossible. Unless I can come back, I won't race."

Pride springs surprise

GOLF: Dicky Pride became only the second rookie to win on the US PGA Tour this year when he birdied the first extra hole for an unlikely victory in the St Jude Memphis Classic in Memphis, Tennessee. Pride got into the tournament only when the 1993 US Open champion, Lee Janzen, pulled out at the last minute, but the 25-year-old American made the most of his opportunity. He birdied the final hole of the regulation 72 for a total of 267 to join a play-off between Hal Sutton and Gene Sauers, then triumphed with another birdie at the same hole. David Feherty, from Northern Ireland, shot a 67 to finish on 279.

Results from company golf days

THE TIMES Mixed Pairs Corporate Golf Challenge

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company teams eligible to qualify for a regional final.

Date	Company name	Venue
July 6	Sheerlyte	Sherwood Forest

1, R Masterson 39pts; 2, J Ludbrook 36; 3, S Sellers 37; 4, W Loughry 37

July 6	Ernst & Young	Sherwood Forest

1, R Frase 40pts; 2, G Aston Guest 38; 3, M Pagett 37; 4, P Orkons 35

July 20	Services (U.K.) Security Ltd	Sherwood Forest

1, I Davis 39pts; 2, J Liddle 37; 3, A Dench 36; 4, R King 33

July 21	Mowlem Electrical Ltd	Sherwood Forest

1, J Neave 39pts; 2, D Clough 36; 3, D Ripley 27; 4, R Pitt 26

July 21	Rowan Printers Ltd	Sherwood Forest

1, A Gibson 39pts; 2, D Gilchrist 34; 3, D Nixon 34; 4, D Henry 31

July 22	The London Docklands Hotels Ltd	Sherwood Forest

1, P McEvoy 41pts; 2, J Henry 40; 3, M Paterson 40; 4, D Hardy 39

July 22	Lombard North Central Plc	Sherwood Forest

1, H Thompson 37pts; 2, M Turner 37; 3, E Worrall 36; 4, R Bellamy 35

July 22	Reading Construction Ltd	Sherwood Forest

1, K Brook-Crispin 39pts; 2, F Baldwin 39; 3, M Hill 37; 4, G Meikl 36

July 22	Smith & Nephew Ltd	Sherwood Forest

1, B Tubby 39pts; 2, A Brydon 39; 3, E Warnes 36; 4, T Degouveia 35

July 25	Seatrade Travel	Sherwood Forest

1, W McPherson 39pts; 2, D McHendrick 38; 3, G Fiies 38; 4, J McPherson 38

July 25	Grahams Group Plc	Sherwood Forest

1, M Evans 44pts; 2, R Clarke 40; 3, A Clarke 38; 4, J Vickers 34

July 26	Skipton Building Society	Sherwood Forest

1, J Cotton 42pts; 2, C Bell 38; 3, A Scotter 38; 4, A McIlroy 34

July 27	The Infodisk Group Ltd	Sherwood Forest

1, D Thompson 34pts; 2, S Crane 32; 3, I Pring 30; 4, P Evans 29

July 28	Peinlich Kerr Poreber Sale of Bath	Sherwood Forest

1, A Corlett 42pts; 2, J Vantre 40; 3, R Callow 36; 4, P Corlett 36

July 28	Mowlem Electrical Ltd (Wall Section)	Sherwood Forest

1, M Brooker 38pts; 2, M Carter 37; 3, M Lilwall 35; 4, J Scott 30

July 29	Seatrade Cruise Express	Sherwood Forest

1, T Walburn 37pts; 2, G Hudspith 34; 3, B Shelley 34; 4, N Wild 32

July 30	Shell UK Exploration & Production	Sherwood Forest

1, B Voormolen 41pts; 2, I MacDonald 39; 3, I F Smith 37; 4, T Hancocks 36

July 31	The Stanhope Trading Banking Co	Sherwood Forest

1, R Mitchell 39pts; 2, K Fukuyama 39; 3, Y Fujita 38; 4, K O'Connell 38

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Melbourne Cup draws strong global challenge

By Our Racing Staff

BRITISH trainers have responded to the historic success of Vintage Crop in last year's Melbourne Cup with a 13-strong entry for this season's renewal on November 1. When the race closed yesterday, foreign competitors accounted for 23 of the 309 nominations.

Twelve months ago, connections of just four British horses were prepared to consider taking up the challenge and only one, Drum Taps, actually ran. But in the wake of Dermot Weld's success in saddling the first overseas winner, interest has soared.

White Muzzle, runner-up to King's Theatre in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, and the St Leger winner, Bob's Return, lead the British contingent. John Gosden has accepted with Brier Creek and Sonus, while Paul Cole has enrolled Snurge and Tioman Island.

White Muzzle and Bob's Return both have the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe among a series of possible end-of-season objectives and the likelihood of a challenge at Melbourne will become clearer when the handicap weights are published at the beginning of next month.

A spokesman for Mark Tompkins, the trainer of Bob's Return, said: "Bob's Return was entered as a contingency plan. We want to keep as many late-season opportunities available as possible. There will be a firmer decision nearer the time."

Vintage Crop is one of four entrants from Weld's Irish stable, which could also be represented by Fortune And Fame, Blazing Spectacle and Clivedon Gail.

Foresee and Witness Box could represent John Oxx and Tommy Stack has entered Zimzalabim. Two entries from France, trained by André Fabre, and one from Hong Kong complete the line-up.

Nearer home, Lester Piggott is expected to make his comeback from injury at Newmarket on Friday evening. He is aiming to get rides at his local meeting even though Coffee 'N Cream, the horse from which he fell at Goodwood on Thursday, holds an entry at Haydock the same night.

Piggott, 58, was fortunate to escape with bruising to the side of the head when the saddle slipped from his mount, sending him hurtling to the ground. He was signed off race riding for seven days for concussion and will have to pass a medical examination by the racecourse doctor before he can return.

The ground will govern where Owington, fifth in the Prix Maurice De Gheest at Deauville on Sunday, will attempt to regain the winning thread. Geoff Wragg, his trainer, is considering the Haydock Sprint Cup or Baden-Baden's Golden Whip as likely objectives, but will be guided primarily by the going when making his decision.

"The ground was too soft for him in France," Wragg said. "I am not displeased, though I was disappointed at the time. He will now go to Haydock or Germany depending on the ground. He can produce a tremendous turn of foot on fast ground, but not on soft."

FOREIGN ENTRIES

Blazing Spectacle, Clivedon Gail, Fortune And Fame, Vintage Crop (all D Weld, Ire), Bob's Return (M Tompkins), Brier Creek, Sonus (both J Gosden), Edbeysaan (H Cecil), Foresee, Witness Box (both J Oxx, Ire), Key To My Heart (D Moffatt), Morley Street (G Balding), My Patriarch (J Dunlop), Oh So Risky, Roll A Dollar (both D Elsworth), Quick Ransom (M Johnston), Snurge, Tioman Island (P Cole), Raintrap, Turners Hill (both A Fabre, Fr), White Muzzle (P Chapple-Hyam), Zimzalabim (T Stack), River Verdon (D Hill, HK).

Opinions divided over merits of summer jumping experiment

Nicholson highlights going concern

By Julian Muscat



JULIAN HERBERT

Slippery Max leads Sohail over the last fence in the five-runner Midsummer Selling Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot yesterday

NATIONAL Hunt racing has picked up exactly where it left off. Richard Dunwoody, who retained his status as the champion jump jockey on the last day of the season at Market Rasen, is already locked in combat with Adrian Maguire, who pushed him right to the wire just eight weeks ago.

The trail started in earnest at Bangor on Friday, yet the 1994-95 season will be the last season to end, traditionally, in early June. Jump racing is to be staged all year round as part of a British Horseracing Board "experiment" into its viability. Consequently, the 1995-96 season will start five days later, at Perth on June 8.

A total of 20 fixtures at six tracks have been scheduled for the months of June and July, when the ground is at its firmest. Inevitably, it has prompted concern over the safety of both horses and jockeys. It also remains to be seen whether enough horses will contest these races: the card at Newton Abbot yesterday featured six races contested by just 36 horses. Five of those had been in action at the same venue two days previously.

Crucial to the success of summer jumps racing will be the state of the ground, as David Nicholson, the champion trainer last term, stressed yesterday. "I don't disapprove in principle but the tracks have got to provide good to firm going or better. From what I've seen of the new season, that is not happening. I'm under the impression that one or two horses pulled up sore at Bangor on Friday and I saw some do the same at Market Rasen on Saturday."

This is highly significant. Both Bangor and Market Rasen are among the six venues chosen for summer National Hunt racing on account of their proximity to limitless water supplies. Each of the six tracks is upgrading its watering systems to a standard deemed capable of drawing the sting from the ground.

A more vociferous supporter is Nick Gaselee, although he, too, puts a premium on the state of the track. "The course is flat at Worcester [one of the chosen six] and the river runs next to it. It should be possible to produce racing ground without any jar," Gaselee said yesterday. All these tracks can afford to water more heavily now that they don't have to stage racing in January and February."

There are other benefits. By effectively splitting his stable into two, Gaselee outlined the gains for owners who would previously have had their horse in full winter training in the hope of some decent ground. Next season, fast-ground horses can be sent home in winter and campaigned fully in spring and summer. Asked why so few horses turned out at Newton Abbot yesterday, Gaselee said: "It's difficult to start at this time of the year as horses coming back from their summer break can take time to get fit."

Another eventuality is that the tireless Maguire, noted for his quick starts to the season, may use the opportunity offered by summer racing to establish a healthy lead while Dunwoody takes his annual break from the saddle. This is what happened in the present Flat season, in which Frankie Dettori poached such a healthy lead on the all-weather tracks at the start of the year that Pat Eddery, the reigning champion, long ago conceded defeat. The lack of a genuine jockeys' title race has arguably detracted from the season.

Declan Murphy, the jockey whose spirits have been greatly lifted by the successful results of a brain scan following that horrific fall at Haydock in May, pointed to the need for a holiday after ten months of effort.

"Riding jumpers is a profession of great intensity. It's just not normal to expect a human to maintain that intensity 12 months a year. I would hate to think the summer jumping season might determine who is going to end up as champion jockey at the end of the season. I think it's unnecessary and that's not a narrow-minded view. Of course there are people out there who will welcome it, but I'd love someone to tell me who's really going to benefit."

We shall have the answers 12 months from now.

□ At Worcester's fixture on Saturday, the £4,000-added Dylan Thomas Handicap Chase has been cancelled due to lack of entries. The Milk Wood Novices Hurdle, scheduled for 8.40, has now been divided with the first division to be run at 6.40.

SUMMER JUMP PROGRAMME

There have been 20 jumping fixtures arranged for the summer of 1995. These meetings have been transferred from the winter to June and July, and will result in National Hunt racing being scheduled for every week of the year.

June: 8, Perth (Evening meeting); 9, Perth (E); 10, Worcester, 11, Uttoxeter; 16, Market Rasen (E), 17, Market Rasen, 21, Worcester (E); 22, Stratford (E); 24, Southwell; 29, Uttoxeter (E).

July: 1, Worcester, Southwell (E); 8, Market Rasen; 12, Worcester (E); 14, Stratford (E); 15, Southwell (E); 21, Market Rasen (E); 22, Stratford; 26, Stratford (E); 27, Worcester (E).

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2.15 Chastize
2.45 Hullbank
3.15 Melody Dancer
3.45 Legend Dulac
4.15 Little Ibnr
4.45 Teanarco

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 GLEN MILLER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Indian Dreamer.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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101	(5)	432422	ACROSS THE BAY 4 (V,F,G,S) (W Dixon) T Barron 7-9-5	J Fortune	90
102	(4)	000460	BIG CHANCE 6 (S) (L McGarrigle) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-5	K Fallon	74
103	(9)	165-504	COLTRANE 10 (B,D,G,S) (D Lewis) R Simpson 6-9-5	S Drowne (5)	94
104	(3)	053322	COMMON COUNCIL 10 (B,C,BF,F,G) (Mrs E Newbould) N Tinkler 5-9-5	Kim Tinkler	90
105	(6)	006504	HAMADRYAD 17 (D,F,G) (S Norton) S Norton 6-9-5	M Tebbutt	85
106	(1)	30066-0	IJAB 111 (Mrs L Parkes) J Parkes 4-9-5	J Stack (7)	87
107	(11)	014250	MBULWA 15 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Stoker) S Kettlewell 8-9-5	J Carroll	78
108	(8)		WILD ADVENTURE 76P (D Chapman) D Chapman 5-9-5	L Charnock	—
109	(7)	404445	CHASTIZE 22 (V) (J Pattison) R Hollinshead 3-8-11	J Weaver	[top]
110	(2)	4040-05	MUCKROSS PARK 39 (A White) K Hogg 3-8-6	Dean McKeown	73
111	(10)	0	SURE GAIN 11 (Mrs M Graham) M H Easterby 3-8-6	M Birch	—

BETTING: 7-2 Hamadryad, 4-1 Across The Bay, 5-1 Mbulwa, Common Council, 6-1 Big Chance, 8-1 others.

1993: LE TEMERAIRE 7-9-5 Kim Tinkler (9-2) N Tinkler 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ACROSS THE BAY 1¼l 2nd to Legal Flair in seller at Newmarket (1m, good): Previously neck 2nd to Diaco in seller at Ripon (1m, good to firm) with HAMADRYAD 2¾l 4th. BIG CHANCE 1¼l 9th to Tembling in handicap at Catterick (7f, good). COLTRANE 15¼l 4th to Top Shiel in claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). COMMON COUNCIL ½l 2nd of 6 to Nashville Star in seller at Ayr (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start with ACROSS THE BAY (7lb better off) 5l 4th. MBULWA 15l 7th of 13 to Sea-Ayr in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). CHASTIZE 4½l 5th of 17 to Flair Lady in seller at Leicester (1m, good to firm).
Selection: ACROSS THE BAY

2.45 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,626: 1m 6f 19yd) (9 runners)

201	(1)	252462	OLD RED 10 (G) (A Flannigan) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0	J Fortune	93
202	(4)	342	HULLBANK 20 (D Gibbon) W Haigh 4-9-10	Dean McKeown	[top]
203	(9)	131661	EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 7 (F,G) (M Britain) M Britain 7-9-5 (3ex)	J Lowe	91
204	(3)	104-003	SALU 6 (C,D,F,G,S) (W Lomley) J Etherington 5-9-2	J Carroll	91
205	(7)	00-5213	LIMOSA 14 (F) (Mrs P Robeson) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-12	J Weaver	94
206	(3)	040416	MY ROSSINI 25 (D,BF,F) (Mrs C Eaton) P Bevan 5-8-11	C Hawksley (5)	89
207	(6)	6130-26	ABALENE 18 (G) (S Taberner) T Donnelly 5-8-8	N Connorton	94
208	(8)	044021	VAIN PRINCE 4 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 7-8-5 (5ex)	L Charnock	96
209	(5)	0-03536	DEMOKOS 6 (C,D,F,G) (D Walsh) W Barker 9-7-9	N Kennedy	92

BETTING: 7-2 Vain Prince, 9-2 Old Red, 5-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 6-1 Salu, Limosa, 7-1 My Rossini, 8-1 others.

1993: EIGHTANDAHALF 4-9-10 J Fortune (12-1) B Beasley 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

OLD RED 2l 2nd of 7 to Philgun in amateurs' handicap at Ayr (1m 5f, good). HULLBANK 12l 2nd of 5 to Karshi in maiden at Catterick (1m 6f, good to firm). EIRE LEATH-SCEAL beat Floating Line short-head in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good to firm). Earlier beat Floating Line short-head in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good to firm) with DEMOKOS (5lb better off) 1¾l 3rd and SALU (10lb better off) 14¾l last. MY ROSSINI beat Tommy Cooper ½l in apprentices' handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. VAIN PRINCE beat Crowther Homes 3l in handicap at Edinburgh (1m 7f, good to firm).
Selection: VAIN PRINCE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Harris	6	20	30.0	D Harrison	5	32	15.6
M Bell	7	31	22.6	M Tebbutt	6	42	14.3
J Payne	3	14	21.4	J Weaver	9	65	13.8
J L Harris	3	18	16.7	M Birch	23	190	12.1
Mrs M Reveley	43	280	15.4	S Parks	4	35	11.4
J Berry	20	160	12.5	K Fallon	18	159	11.3

3.15 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,651: 1m 3f) (7 runners)

301	(5)	2460-50	BROCTUNE BAY 22 (M Bailey) Mrs M Reveley 5-12-0	M Buckley	93
302	(7)	015260	CREDIT SQUEEZE 10 (F,G) R Johnson Houghton 4-11-13	G Johnson Houghton	98
303	(1)	135124	MONTONE 15 (F,G,S) (B Welch) J L Harris 4-11-10	M Mannish (4)	95
304	(3)	00-0006	JALCANTO 27 (G) (W Dawes) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-7	S Swiers	97
305	(4)	304324	MELODY DANCER 10 (T Chiang) S Norton 3-10-12	R Hale	[top]
306	(6)	005000	PHILNIC 27 (T Hemmings) M Hammond 4-10-3	C Bonner	96
307	(2)	010443	DOTS DEE 26 (D,F) (J Kearney) J Bradley 5-9-7	R Johnson (4)	98

Long handicap: Dots Dee 9-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Melody Dancer, 7-2 Montone, 4-1 Broctune Bay, 6-1 Jalcanto, Dots Dee, 7-1 Credit Squeeze, 8-1 Philnic.

1993: PUSEY STREET BOY 6-9-13 Mrs S Bosley (10-1) J Bosley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BROCTUNE BAY 14l 7th of 8 to Seasonal Splendour in handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). CREDIT SQUEEZE best effort ½l 2nd of 6 to Aslace in amateurs' handicap at Chepstow (1m, firm) in June with DOTS DEE (7lb better off) 5l 4th. MONTONE 7¾l 4th of 14 to Colour Sergeant in claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). JALCANTO 14¼l 6th of 10 to Minnesota Viking in handicap at Redcar (1m 5f 135yd, good to firm). MELODY DANCER 4¾l 4th of 11 to Orange Extreme in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). PHILNIC 14l 11th of 14 to Parliament Piece in handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm). DOTS DEE 3¾l 3rd of 13 to Skal's Legacy in amateurs' handicap at Chepstow (1m 4f, firm).
Selection: DOTS DEE

3.45 G + H McGILL HANDICAP (£3,964: 7f) (18 runners)

401	(13)	504025	BEWARE OF AGENTS 27 (D,F,S) (B Yeardley) M Johnston 5-10-0	Dean McKeown	97
402	(10)	526-400	AMAAM AMAAM 15 (Mrs T Mills) T Mills 4-9-12	J Carroll	88
403	(8)	040552	FACE THE FUTURE 24 (S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-9-12	M Birch	92
404	(6)	022-000	JADE CITY 31 (F) (N Jackson) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-12	K Fallon	97
405	(5)	3500-00	COOL LUKE 10 (D,BF,S) (B Batey) G Moore 5-9-8	M Tebbutt	94
406	(14)	2-34523	PETITE MAXINE 33 (A Mattison) F Lee 3-9-3	S Perks	92
407	(18)	062020	PINE RIDGE LAD 6 (B,D,F,G) (Whitestonecliffe) B Beasley 4-9-1	S D Williams	94
408	(12)	605021-	OBSIDIAN GREY 230 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 7-9-0	D R McCabe (5)	88
409	(7)	522520	WOLF POWER 33 (BF,G) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-12	J Fortune	93
410	(3)	310060	BLUE GRIT 28 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (C Wilson) M Dods 8-8-12	J Weaver	98
411	(16)	4-66093	RIBBOLD 10 (Mrs R Darling) Denys Smith 4-8-9	C Teague (7)	92
412	(11)	625531	TUMBLING 6 (D,F,G) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 6-8-7 (6ex)	D Harrison	98
413	(1)	200005	GLEN MILLER 12 (CD,F) (M Tabsh) J Payne 4-8-4	N Varley (5)	[top]
414	(2)	004-00	KILERNAN 25 (J Hall) T Barron 3-8-1	A Mackay	94
415	(17)	043551	MAGICATION 12 (D,F,G) (J Lewis) C Allen 4-7-13	G Bardwell	95
416	(4)	006004	LEGEND DULAC 12 (D,G,S) (B McAllister) J L Harris 5-7-11	Dale Gibson	95
417	(8)	0-00006	CADEAUX PREMIERE 8 (B) (Lumsden & Carroll Ltd) N Bycroft 3-7-9	J Fanning	81
418	(15)	080100	HENRY WILL 32 (CD,F,G,S) (G Leggott) W Barker 10-7-7	L Charnock	94

Long handicap: Henry Will 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Tumbling, 6-1 Face The Future, 7-1 Magication, 8-1 Wolf Power, Beware Of Agents, 10-1 Petite Maxine, Obsidian Grey, 12-1 others.

1993: SELF EXPRESSION 5-8-10 D Thomas (7-1) Mrs J Ramsden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEWARE OF AGENTS 1¼l 5th of 14 to Parliament Piece in handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm) with PINE RIDGE LAD 10¾l 9th. FACE THE FUTURE 4l 2nd of 7 to Dune River in handicap at York (7f, good to firm). PETITE MAXINE 3l 3rd of 9 to Champagne Atasster in handicap at Catterick (6f, firm). RIBBOLD 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Klinamartyra Girl in apprentices' handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm) with COOL LUKE (4lb better off) 5¼l 5th. TUMBLING beat Cicerone ½l in 15-runner handicap at Catterick (7f, good) with PINE RIDGE LAD (7lb better off) 13¼l 11th. MAGICATION beat Our Shadee ¾l in 10-runner handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good) with GLEN MILLER (8lb better off) 4½l 5th.
Selection: TUMBLING

4.15 EMERALD LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,735: 5f) (8 runners)

501	(4)	312153	MISTER BLOY 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) (H Hughes) J Berry 9-4	P Fessey (7)	88
502	(1)	140604	INDIAN DREAMER 13 (D,G,S) (R Holt) M Bell 9-1	M Fenton (5)	90
503	(3)	250033	FRIENDLY MONET 31 (Sandal Business Services) C Fairhurst 8-12	J Gracey (7)	87
504	(2)	402324	LITTLE IBNR 5 (B,BF,G) (Swinnerton Transport Ltd) P Evans 8-12	J Weaver	94
505	(7)	05-0100	ELUNED MAY 15 (D,F) (Mrs J Clee) R Whitaker 8-10	A Culhane	94
506	(6)	3-05523	BRADWELL 22 (BF) (P Riseborough) M Tompkins 8-7	M Birch	[top]
507	(8)	09-00	CONEY HILLS 6 (Mrs S Barrett) N Bycroft 8-7	J Fortune	—
508	(5)	0-50080	MY LIFETIME LADY 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 8-7	S Parks	98

BETTING: 5-2 Indian Dreamer, 11-4 Mister Bloy, 3-1 Bradwell, 7-1 Friendly Monet, 8-1 Little Ibnr, My Lifetime Lady, 12-1 Eluned May, 16-1 Coney Hills.

1993: TREVORSNINEPOINTS 8-9 K Darley (3-1) Mrs M Reveley 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MISTER BLOY 6¾l 3rd of 10 to Kazeam in selling handicap at Carlisle (6f, hard). INDIAN DREAMER 1l 4th of 11 to Palrina Bay in handicap at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) with MY LIFETIME LADY (9lb better off) 30¼l 10th. FRIENDLY MONET 9½l 3rd of 4 to Rabiah in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). LITTLE IBNR 2¼l 4th of 6 to Best Kept Secret in handicap at Hamilton (6f, firm). ELUNED MAY beat Perfect Brave 2l in 5-runner rated maiden at Chepstow (5f, good to firm) in June. BRADWELL 2¾l 3rd of 6 to Had A Girl in rated maiden at Leicester (5f, good to firm).
Selection: INDIAN DREAMER (nap)

4.45 OPAL LIMITED STAKES (£2,884: 6f) (7 runners)

601	(3)	005020	GREEN'S BID 3 (D,G) (M Hill) D Chapman 4-9-3	A Culhane	[top]
602	(7)	000300	WALTER STREET 6 (A Le Blond) C Fairhurst 9-9-3	J Gracey (7)	67
603	(2)	5-06051	KARSEAM 11 (B,D,F) (Mrs C Hazlington) J Wainwright 3-9-1	Dean McKeown	91
604	(4)	0-22266	OARE SPARROW 24 (F) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 4-8-12	J Carroll	98
605	(1)	0-00004	TEANARCO 6 (D,F,G,S) (B Symonds) R Simpson 6-8-12	S Drowne (5)	91
606	(6)	0-00210	GREY TOPPA 8 (F,G) (D Ford) Denys Smith 3-8-10	J Weaver	97
607	(5)	1-00000	DANGEROUS SHADOW 12 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-7	J Fortune	90

BETTING: 3-1 Karseam, 7-2 Oare Sparrow, 4-1 Grey Toppa, 9-2 Teanarco, 5-1 Green's Bid, 7-1 Dangerous Shadow, 20-1 Walter Street.

1993: GUNSIGSMOND 3-8-9 M Birch (5-1) M Prescott 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREEN'S BID 5l 11th of 26 to For The Present in Stewards' Cup Handicap at Goodwood (6f, firm). WALTER STREET neck and short-head 3rd of 8 to Dellway in maiden handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm) last month. KARSEAM beat Little Hooligan 5l in 10-runner selling handicap at Carlisle (6f, hard). OARE SPARROW 7¾l 6th of 13 to Great Hall in handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). TEANARCO 2¾l 4th of 9 to Proud Brigadier in rated stakes at Leicester (7f, good to firm). GREY TOPPA beat Leading Princess ¾l in 8-runner selling handicap at Edinburgh (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: KARSEAM

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Deauville raid

MAGONGO, trained by Lord Huntingdon, faces three rivals in the group three Prix de Caburg (6f) at Deauville today. The colt won a maiden at Windsor last month but faces stiff opposition in Tereshkova, beaten only a neck by General Monash in the Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte.

Howard's End fires 10-1 double for Cecil

HENRY Cecil maintained his fine recent form when saddling a near 10-1 double at Ripon yesterday, with Howard's End and Milly Ha Ha. Both were ridden by Willie Ryan.

Ryan had to walk almost three quarters of a mile having been unseated by Howard's End on the way to the start of the Tommy Shedden Challenge Trophy, causing the start to be delayed by ten minutes. However, the journey back was much smoother, with Howard's Way always travelling well, and quickening up smartly to get the better of Moving Arrow by a neck.

"He has always behaved perfectly on a racecourse before today. Still, he did nothing wrong in the race," Ryan said.

Ryan completed the double when Milly Ha Ha took the concluding Museum of Army Transport Maiden Stakes in impressive style. The six-length winner, who ran green on her debut at Yarmouth, will now be pitched in at the deep end, as her next target is the group one Yorkshire Oaks on August 17.

With his three closest challengers in the jockeys' title race, Jason Weaver, Kevin Darley and Pat Eddery, all out of action through suspension or injury, Frankie Dettori took advantage to extend his lead over Weaver to 31.

Dettori gained a double in the first two races to take his total for the season to 164 winners, describing it as "not a bad way to start a Monday" after winning on Far Fetched for Lord Huntingdon in the Yorkshire Mining Museum Maiden Stakes, and the Patrick Haslam-trained Warwick Warrior in the Tetley's Brewery Wharf Selling Handicap.

COMMENTATORS

Nap: BLAZING HEART (5.00 Brighton)
Next best: Buddy's Friend (4.00 Brighton)

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Rosebud. 2.30 Verdigris. 3.00 Shifting Mist. 3.30 Overpower. 4.00 Oozlem. 4.30 Spanish Storm. 5.00 MISLEMANI (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Verdigris. 3.00 SHIFTING MIST (nap).

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 EBF ALFRISTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,492: 5f 59yd) (4 runners)

1	(3)	00	BON SECRET 31 T Naughton 9-0	V Halliday (7)	85
2	(2)	0	RIVER SEINE 88 M Saunders 8-9	N Adams	63
3	(1)	02	ROSEBUD 18 (BF) R Hannon 8-9	M Roberts	[top]
4	(4)	643	TART AND A HALF 15 B Meehan 8-9	T Quinn	87

4-9 Rosebud, 7-4 Tart And A Half, 16-1 River Seine, Bon Secret.

2.30 A R DENNIS AUGUST HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,590: 1m 1f 209yd) (6)

1	(2)	5022	VERDIGRIS 13 L Cumani 9-7	L Dettori	[top]
2	(5)	0-00	NSX 13 (G) Miss G Kelleway 9-2	R Cochrane	88
3	(1)	-205	BONIFACCIO BANDIT 17 (BF) G L Moore 8-13	B Rouse	90
4	(6)	0412	SUGAR TOWN 21 (BF,D,F,S) P Cole 8-2	C Rutter	90
5	(3)	5065	WESTERN FLEET 13 (G) R Hannon 8-1	M Roberts	98
6	(4)	0005	FOOD BROKER FELLA 24 R Akehurst 7-7	D Wright (5)	93

7-4 Verdigris, 2-1 Sugar Town, 5-1 Western Fleet, 8-1 Nsx, Food Broker Fella, 10-1 Bonifaccio Bandit.

3.00 DUKE OF NORFOLK MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,173: 1m 3f 196yd) (3)

1	(2)	1564	REHLAT FARAH 13 (F) L Cumani 9-7	L Dettori	96
2	(1)	1143	CAPTAIN SCARLET 8 (V,D,F,G,S) B Meehan 9-5	S Whitworth	98
3	(3)	1111	SHIFTING MIST 4 (D,F,G) M Prescott 8-6 (5ex)	G Duffield	[top]

11-8 Rehlat Farah, 6-4 Captain Scarlet, 2-1 Shifting Mist.

3.30 DOWNS SELLING STAKES (£2,174: 1m 1f 209yd) (6)

1	(3)	1330	DOODIES POOL 80 (G) G L Moore 4-9-7	B Rouse	95
2	(5)	6021	LONG FURLONG 14 (CD,F,G) R Akehurst 6-9-7	T Quinn	79
3	(6)	2643	OVERPOWER 20 (CD,F,G,S) M Tompkins 10-9-7	P Robinson	97
4	(4)	1403	DON'T FORSAKE ME 14 (D,F,G) C Egerton 5-9-2	A Procter (5)	[top]
5	(1)	-450	MISTY VIEW 20 (D,F,G) J White 5-9-2	K Rutter (3)	93
6	(2)	0400	EXPLOSIVE POWER 8 S Woods 3-8-12	W Woods	80

2-1 Long Furlong, 7-2 Explosive Power, Overpower, 4-1 Don't Forsake Me, 7-1 Doodies Pool, 8-1 Misty View.

4.00 TOWN HALL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,643: 7f 214yd) (9)

1	(4)	3410	KELLY MAC 5 (D,F,G) M Channon 4-10-0	R Waterfield (5)	94
2	(7)	0041	BUDDY'S FRIEND 10 (D,F,G) R Williams 6-9-12	Sarah Thompson (5)	95
3	(8)	-025	WHITE TOP 20 Lord Huntingdon 3-9-3	Aimee Cook (5)	92
4	(1)	0660	ANORAK 15 (G) P Haslam 4-8-11	Nicola Howarth (5)	96
5	(3)	3202	RAGAZZO 36 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-10	J Tate	98
6	(6)	3-00	GILABTENI 82 R Hannon 3-8-6	E Greehy (7)	88
7	(2)	1000	MEDLAND 12 (C,D,F,G) D Wilson 4-8-1	S Sanders (3)	89
8	(5)	1500	OOZLEM 15 (B,D,F) R Flower 5-7-11	Stephen Davies	96
9	(9)	0003	PREJON 13 G Lewis 3-7-8	A Whelan (5)	[top]

7-2 Buddy's Friend, 4-1 White Top, 5-1 Kelly Mac, Prejon, 8-1 Ragazzo, Oozlem, 10-1 others.

4.30 SOUTH COAST CLAIMING STAKES (£2,898: 6f 209yd) (5)

1	(5)	0014	SPANISH STORM 22 (B,D,G) S Woods 5-9-6	W Woods	[top]
2	(2)	5020	SILENT EXPRESSION 10 (V,D,F,G) J Jenkins 4-9-5	W Ryan	82
3	(4)	0000	LICENCE TO KILL 8 N Mitchell 5-9-2	T Sprake	—
4	(3)	2006	SOAKING 36 (D,F) G L Moore 4-9-2	B Rouse	81
5	(1)	5122	LITTLE HOOLIGAN 5 (V,G) M Channon 3-8-6	T Quinn	73

5-4 Spanish Storm, 2-1 Silent Expression, 7-2 Little Hooligan, 5-1 Soaking, 20-1 Licence To Kill.

5.00 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,024: 6f 209yd) (15)

1	(2)	-005	MISLEMANI 22 Lady Herries 4-10-0	T Ives	90
2	(5)	0032	BLAZING HEART 25 J Hills 3-9-10	L Dettori	89
3	(4)	3000	FORT KNOX 13 R Flower 3-9-6	Stephen Davies (3)	93
4	(15)	0-50	EUROPHARM LASSIE 61 G L Moore 3-9-6	B Rouse	89
5	(7)	00-0	VILLAVINA 21 S Dow 4-9-3	W Ryan	[top]
6	(14)	-225	PRINCE OF GAELS 24 M McCormack 3-9-3	S Whitworth	92
7	(1)	0640	MINT A MILLION 10 M Blanshard 3-9-1	W Woods	98
8	(13)	0000	BLACKROCK HERO 22 R Akehurst 3-8-13	T Quinn	90
9	(6)	0-04	GREATEST HOPES 6 C Benstead 3-8-9	T Williams	81
10	(10)	0-00	LADY HONDA 21 C Brittain 4-8-3	M Roberts	88
11	(12)	6005	STRATH KITTEN 5 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-3	G Duffield	95
12	(8)	0680	MRS BIZZYBODY 90 (B) T Naughton 3-8-2	V Halliday (7)	94
13	(9)	-000	ASCOM PAGER TOO 25 (B) P Howling 4-8-0	C Rutter	90
14	(3)	0060	MYJINKA 6 (B) J O'Donoghue 4-7-12	Iona Wands (7)	98
15	(11)	04-0	WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 10 P Pritchard 4-7-12	N Adams	—

11-4 Blazing Heart, 7-2 Mislemani, 7-1 Greatest Hopes, 10-1 Prince Of Gaels, 12-1 Europharm Lassie, Blackrock Hero, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 24 winners from 59 runners, 40.7%; M Prescott, 17 from 67, 25.4%; B Meehan, 6 from 24, 25.0%; J White, 8 from 33, 24.2%; C Benstead, 4 from 18, 22.2%; R Akehurst, 21 from 95, 22.1%; R Hannon, 36 from 199, 18.1%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 29 winners from 121 rides, 24.0%; L Dettori 24 from 108, 22.2%; G Duffield, 20 from 110, 18.2%; R Cochrane, 24 from 139, 17.3%; T Quinn, 39 from 228, 17.1%; P Robinson, 5 from 31, 16.1%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Ripon

Going: good

2.30 (6f) 1, FAR FETCHED (L Dettori, 5-1); 2, Prime Match (G Duffield, 6-1); 3, Fata (W Carson, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Darmakey, 10 Swift Cert, 12 Bridge Of Fire (4th), 14 Frans Lad, Lucidity, 20 Hats Of To Hilda, Total Stranger (5th), 25 Sedvicta, 33 Able Sheriff, Dance Of The Hours, Glossator (6th), Ismas, Legal Brief, Perryston View, Raise A Warning, Sharmoor 19 ran. Hd, ¾l, 1¼l, 3½l, 2l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £10.00; £2.50, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £19.50. CSF: £38.95.

3.00 (5f) 1, WARWICK WARRIOR (L Dettori, 5-4 fav); 2, Gaynor Goodman (C Avery, 8-1); 3, The Fed (A Culhane, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Admirals Realm, 10 On The Wing Again, 11 Barbezieux, 12 Lukes Brother (5th), Seamere, 14 Olifantsfontein, 16 Hong Kong Future (4th), 20 Matthew David (6th), 50 Rennyholme 12 ran. 3l, nk, hd, sh hd, nk. P Haslam at Middleham. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £2.20, £2.50. DF: £9.80. Trio: £18.50. CSF: £12.96. Tricast: £74.96. After stewards' inquiry result stood.

3.30 (6f) 1, ROCK SYMPHONY (M Hills, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, King Rat (L Dettori, 5-1 jt-fav); 3, Randonneur (W R Swinburn, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Castlerea Lad, 8 Cumbrian Waltzer (5th), 9 Lepine, Polish Admiral (6th), 11 Gone To Pot, Mace Maharanee (4th), 14 Benzoe, Palacegate Touch, 16 Samsolom, 20 Ehtfaal. 13 ran. 1¾l, 2½l, hd, nk, 1l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £5.00; £2.00, £1.90. £3.50. DF: £11.50. Trio: £48.90. CSF: £29.65. Tricast: £247.75.

4.00 (1m 1f) 1, HOWARD'S END (W Ryan, 5-1); 2, Moving Arrow (N Connorton, 11-2); 3, Talannab (W R Swinburn, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Lady Lodger, 11-2 Blair Castle (6th), 7 Positivo (5th), 9 Bsheer (4th), 11 Gobsmacked, 14 Upper Grosvenor, 16 Alpine Skier, 25 Distinctive Air, 33 Golden Star. 12 ran. Nk, ½l, nk, ½l, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.90, £2.20, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £16.30. Trio: £36.80. CSF: £34.12. Tricast: £151.35. After stewards' inquiry result stood.

4.30 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, WINNING LINE (M Birch, 12-1); 2, Bold Elect (M Wigham, 8-1); 3, Banana Cove (Paul Eddery, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Ashover (5th), 9-2 La Chance (4th), 7 Hostile Act, 11 Captain Starlight, 12 Election Special, Starica (6th), 16 Flamingo Times, Monte Cavo, Venture Fourth (6th), 20 Noble Measure, 33 Princess Of Orange. 14 ran. 1½l, hd, 9l, ½l, 1¼l. M H Easterby at Malton. Tote: £11.50; £2.90, £2.70, £3.50. DF: £50.20. Trio: £630.10. CSF: £104.38. Tricast: £1,435.63.

5.00 (1m 2f) 1, MILLY HA HA (W Ryan, 4-5 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating and Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Moalem (W Carson, 9-4); 3, Glitter of Gold (J Tate, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Laftah, 12 Parthian Springs (4th), 16 La Caya, 20 Kingdom Of Shades (5th), 25 Cyprus Point, Tiaphena, 33 Lucky Nod, Marinos, 40 Lostris (6th), 50 Booby, Dueletta, Greenacres Star, Juice Plus. 16 ran. NR: King Chestnut. 6l, 1¼l, 2½l, hd, 11l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.88.

Jackpot: £42,357.40.

Placepot: £76.90. Quadpot: £177.10.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

2.45 (2m 6f hdle) 1, DEDUCE (P McLoughlin, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Wilkins (A Thornton, 7-4 jt-fav); 3, Touching Star (G Tormey, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Reach For Glory (4th), 15-2 Seldom In (pu), 12 Barracilla (5th), 100 Blackdown Court (pu). 7 ran. 1½l, 6l, 8l, 2½l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.49.

3.15 (2m 110yd ch) 1, SLIPPERY MAX (D Bridgwater, 3-1); 2, Sohail (A Maguire, 4-6 fav); 3, Madraj (W McFarland, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 12 Half A Mo (5th), 33 County Contractor (4th). 5 ran. 3l, 25l, dist, 4l. R Juckes at Abberley. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.66. No bid.

3.45 (2m 6f hdle) 1, BADASTAN (Peter Hobbs, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, New Statesman (S Curran, 2-1 jt-fav); 3, Khazari (T Jenks, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Mr Geneaology (pu), 12 Crazy Horse Dancer (f). 5 ran. 7l, dist. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £3.10. CSF: £6.33.

4.15 (2m 110yd ch) 1, ST ATHANS LAD (D Morris, 5-4 jt-fav); 2, New Halen (R Bellamy, 5-4 jt-fav); 3, Red Match (A Tory, 4-1). 3 ran. 2½l, 25l. R Curtis. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.36.

4.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, SIMPLY GEORGE (A Maguire, 8-1); 2, Sure Haven (W McFarland, 9-4 fav); 3, Sir Norman Holt (D O'Sullivan, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Hob Green (pu), 15-2 Singers Image (5th), 8 Missed The Boat (4th), 33 Chili Lady (f), Young Kermit (pu), 50 Cob Cottage (pu), True March (pu). 10 ran. 6l, sh hd, 20l, 12l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £7.20; £1.90, £1.20, £1.40. DF: £7.40. CSF: £25.97.

5.15 (2m 1f) 1, ROUTING (B Powell, 4-1); 2, Knight in Side (M A Fitzgerald, 8-1); 3, Roxy River (D Bridgwater, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Legal Artist (4th), 9 Glowing Path (6th), 12 Seven Sons (5th). 6 ran. 7l, 6l, 7l, 5l, 2l. N Ayliffe at Minehead. Tote: £5.40; £2.10, £3.00. DF: £21.50. CSF: £29.32.

Placepot: £28.30. Quadpot: £14.00.

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 4.30 Silent Expression. 5.00 Ascom Pager Too, Strath Kitten.
REDCAR: 2.15 Chastize

Curtis Cup stays in Britain after Scot holds nerve on final hole

Moodie rues prize putt that never was

J. D. CUBAN/ALLSPORT



Britain's victorious Curtis Cup team, which retained the trophy after a 9-9 draw, accepts congratulations from the United States players

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN CHATTANOOGA

JANICE Moodie was a little miffed when she came off the 18th green at the Honors Course on Sunday evening. She had just grabbed all the glory any girl could need by beating Carol Semple Thompson to tie the 28th Curtis Cup match against the United States and thus ensure Great Britain and Ireland retained the trophy.

It had all come down to the last hole of the last match, with everything hinging on her, and the 21-year-old, from Windyhill in Glasgow, now studying golf and life at San Jose State in California, had risen majestically to the occasion. What could be wrong?

It was the putt.

Moodie had to beat Thompson, 45 and one of the most renowned players in the amateur game, to tie the match at 9-9 and had hit a six-iron, from 165 yards, to within five feet at the last. Since the Scot was one up, Thompson had to hole a slick, sloping 20-footer to have any chance of salvaging the half that would regain the Cup for the United States. She was nowhere close and the ball had barely stopped rolling before she was shaking hands with Moodie, conceding victory.

Moodie was mobbed by her team-mates, released from the tension of the past hour when all their hopes had rested on her sturdy shoulders, but she felt robbed. "Ever since I was so high," she explained, waving a hand at roughly knee height, "I'd say to myself on the putting green: 'Right. This for the Curtis Cup'. In the end, I didn't even get a chance. I was on my dream putt that didn't come true."

Most people still reckoned Moodie had turned in a dream of a performance, whatever her perception. "I thrive on pressure," she said. "I love it and I love competition." After Sunday, nobody could consider it an idle boast.

Liz Boatman, the Britain captain, reckoned Lancy Smith, her American counterpart, would plump for Thompson, who was playing in her eighth Curtis Cup and had won her three matches, in the anchor role. Boatman chose to counter Thompson's experience with the youth and exuberance of Moodie.

"Janice was playing well," Boatman, who said she would not be seeking reappointment, explained. "She was enjoying the event and getting better and better. I thought she could cope with Carol and, just to make sure, I told her she'd got to. So she did." At Hoylake two years ago, Boatman put her faith in Caroline Hall, another youngster. When the result came down to the last hole of the last match, Hall, like Moodie, did not let her captain down.

Although Britain won the foursomes 2-1 on Sunday morning, to square the match at 6-6, for long periods of the afternoon it looked as though the Americans must snatch back the Cup. In the top match, Julie Hall, the English champion, was two up on Jill McGill, the United States champion, after five holes, and Britain were banking on an early point. However, a thunderstorm led to play being suspended for over an hour and Hall was not so impressive afterwards. McGill won four holes in a row from the 12th, all with birdies, to win the match.

Ellen Port overwhelmed an out-of-sorts Mhairi McKay 7 and 5 and Wendy Ward defeated the previously unbeaten Lisa Walton. Matters were now serious, with Britain needing to win all three of the remaining matches to keep the Cup, and all three were all desperately close.

Catriona Matthew, ever reliable — she won 3½ points out of four, more than anyone else — was playing in her third Curtis Cup, and she beat Emilee Klein, previously undefeated, on the 17th. Myra McKinlay was more of an unknown factor but the 21-year-old from Blairmore and Strone, a lifeguard at Dunoon baths, has a streak of confidence to match Moodie's. She also sank a big putt at a crucial moment — a 30-footer to win the 15th with a birdie three — to go two up on Wendy Kaupp, who then missed a tiddler at the 16th to lose the match.

It was now all down to Moodie. She and Thompson played the last four holes knowing it all depended on them and it was Moodie's majestic striking that stood out over that closing stretch. At the 16th, she hit a five-iron to 15 feet and won the hole with an easy par three after Thompson missed the green. Thompson hit another poor shot, her second at the par-five 17th, into trees but escaped with an amazing half in five after Moodie took three putts. Then came the 18th.

Boatman said she would not be in charge at Killarney in two years' time. "I'm half-dead as it is," she said. "I think there should be an Irish captain in Ireland, just as Seve should captain the Ryder Cup in Spain." Ita Butler, Boatman's vice-captain, is the woman she has in mind.

Moodie was also asked if she would be at Killarney — McKinlay is turning professional after the US Amateur next week and Matthew and Walton will probably follow — and she said: "Probably." After all, there is a putt she wants to hole.

CURTIS CUP DETAILS

GB and Ireland names first

Saturday

SINGLES: J Hall halved with J McGill; J Moodie lost to E Klein 3 and 2; L Walton bt W Ward 1 hole; M McKinlay lost to C Semple Thomson 2 and 1; M McKay lost to E Port 2 and 1; C Matthew bt S Sparks 1 hole. Result: United States 3½ Great Britain and Ireland 2½.

FOURSOMES: McKay and K Speak lost to Semple Thompson and Klein 7 and 5; Hall and Walton bt W Kaupp and Port 6 and 5; Matthew and Moodie halved with McGill and S Ingram. Result: United States 1½ Great Britain and Ireland 1½

Sunday

FOURSOMES: Hall and Walton bt McGill and Ingram 2 and 1; McKinlay and E Rose Power lost to Semple Thompson and Klein 4 and 2; Matthew and Moodie bt Ward and Sparks 3 and 2. Result: United States 1 Great Britain and Ireland 2.

SINGLES: Hall lost to McGill 4 and 3; McKay lost to Port 7 and 5, Matthew bt Klein 2 and 1; McKinlay bt Kaupp 3 and 2; Walton lost to Ward 4 and 3; Moodie bt Semple Thompson 2 holes. Result: United States 3, Great Britain and Ireland 3.

MATCH RESULT: United States 9, Great Britain and Ireland 9.



Moodie putts for a half on the 17th at Chattanooga

Alpha suffers despite fine day's racing

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE Solent turned on all its charms to provide a glorious day's racing at Cowes yesterday. With winds touching 25 knots at times, the conditions were in sharp contrast to Sunday's fickle breeze.

Some found the contrast a little to steep with at least one crew leaving their spinnaker wrapped around one of the downwind marks, while others fought vainly to keep control of their wildly broaching boats.

The Duke of Edinburgh and his crew on *Yeoman XXVIII* made most of the soldier's breeze. Sharing the wheel with the former King Constantine of Greece, the Duke took third place within the Sigma 38 class to make up for his disappointing retirement the day before.

Royal disappointment this time fell to Prince Edward at the helm of *Alpha of Devonport*, chartered for the week by the Ocean Youth Club. The Prince, who is patron of the club, enjoyed a great day's sailing racing in the premier class I fleet, only to find that the 51-footer had been disqualified for allegedly passing south of the Beta start buoy while returning past the Royal Yacht Squadron line after an initial beat into the western Solent.

It is alleged, because several other crews caught committing the same indiscretion by the eagle-eyed race wardens stationed on the Squadron ramparts, were contesting their disqualifications at a series of protest hearings last night.

One with a great deal to fight for was Neal McDonald, the skipper of the winning Mumm 36 class yacht, *Shogun*. She was one of three within this competitive fleet to have been demoted to last place and had called on members of rival crews to act as witnesses.

One to find everything to his liking was Keith Miller, owner of the Swan 46, *Crackerjack*, which pipped Richard Matthews' latest class I yacht, *Esser Girl*, on handicap to win the Royal London YC's Sir Walter Preston Challenge Cup.

Another with plenty to cheer was David Knight, whose yacht, *Summer Pudding*, won the Sigma 38 class for the second day in succession, beating Ben von Bülderbeck's *Solent Plexus* by more than four minutes. The crew of *Fruitcakes* also chalked up their second win in the J24 class, adding to the silverware they gained from Saturday's opening race. Two more to celebrate a double last night were Kirk Webster and Richard Pearson after taking the gun in the Solent Sunbeam fleet.

In the Etchells 22 class, one of the most competitive fleets at Cowes, Andreas Eichenauer, from Germany, won the day with just six seconds to spare from Mike Law's Intruder. Tim Law's *Katemba*, the winner on Sunday, finished fourth, a short distance behind Adam Gosling's *Yes*.

Talk of illegal boats may be causing waves within the X boat class, where six of their number have been barred from racing because of alleged measurement discrepancies, but even these heated discussions were eclipsed by the massive victory yesterday scored by Peter Baines and his yacht, *Wenda*, which finished almost five minutes ahead of *Xanthus*, sailed by the Westmacott brothers.

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Clencher offers new challenge

MOST crewmen need experience to survive sailing at Cowes. Mike Eaton's crew aboard *Quencher* need sturdy knees, muscular legs and a certain dexterity with a screwdriver.

Eaton took delivery of his brand new yacht on Saturday at 2am, a mere nine hours before racing began in the CHS Class 3, but it did not take him long to learn that the latest technology is not always the best. Every time sail or winch handle was needed, it had to be located and unwrapped from its nice, shiny new packaging. As for cleats, with which to secure the ropes, they had to be unwrapped and then bolted to the deck — hence the handiness with a screwdriver.

As all of this wasted valuable minutes in the middle of a race, the crew improvised and held the ropes steady in a vice-like grip between their knees. Not that it did them any harm as *Quencher* has won all three of her races so far and has promptly been renamed *Clencher*.

Sense of taste

While the smaller boats are at each other's mastheads in the hurly burly of Cowes racing, the bigger boys are preparing for the biannual Teesside British Isles and Ireland race, which starts on Saturday. Among the entries is Simon Rogers and his Whitbread 30, a new and diminutive design of only 30ft in length.

Although the lines of the boat may be geared to carry it through the waves faster than most, Rogers has found one important design flaw: there is not enough room on board to store provisions for the duration.

Rogers thus contacted the Ministry of Defence to inquire about the freeze-dried food used by the armed forces, a culinary downturn that will not impress his crew. The name of the boat? *Sticky Fingers*.

Royal service

The decommissioning of the Royal Yacht *Britannia* will leave a large hole in the traditional Cowes week seascape, but, before it goes, there maybe a quid or two to be made.

A couple of years ago, John Watts set up his own yacht brokerage, John Watts International Marine, and was looking for an attention-grabbing advert to pull in the customers. "*Britannia*," he thought and started running pictures of the Royal Yacht in his displays in the vague hope that, if it was offered for sale, it would come his way. Since then, he has had at least three inquiries a month from the seriously wealthy keen to buy.

Watts's normal line of business is selling Sunseekers, a considerably smaller range of boats than *Britannia*. His most expensive yacht runs at just under £1 million, a pricetag that would just about buy you a funnel on the royal vessel. But, undeterred, he is willing to offer his services should the royal family require them. Yacht for sale, one careful owner, in need of MOT. Any offers?

ALIX RAMSAY

May stages Italian revival

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN MONTE CARLO

"I SET three records today," Fiona May said while cracking a smile at the high-altitude meeting in Sestriere on Sunday. "A British record, a Commonwealth record and an Italian record."

May might now own the first two records she mentioned had she not changed allegiance to Italy this year, except that she doubts she would be jumping close to seven metres had she remained in Britain. Her Italian record was the outcome of her new country's support.

Her 6.95 metres exceeded the British and Commonwealth records of 6.90 metres set by Bev Kinch in 1983, added 15 centimetres to the Italian record, which Valentina Ucchaddu had set two rounds earlier on Sunday, and ranks her sixth in the world this year. It was the perfect day: her husband, Gianni Iapichino, cleared the 5.60 metres he needed in the pole vault to qualify for the Italian team competing in the European championships in Helsinki next week. Now both will be in Helsinki and tonight May has her last prepatory competition at the grand prix meeting here.

It is a stark contrast to last season, which ended with May unable to regain her world top ten status or to improve her personal best of 6.88 metres, which dated back to 1990. She did not even reach the world championship final. What happened to the progress expected of an athlete who in 1988 became junior world champion and who, at 18, finished sixth in the Olympic Games?

The answer is inadequate coaching and assistance. Living and training in Italy is "paradise"; Britain was "getting me down". She was not selected by the British Athletic Federation for financial assistance, though she was the British No 1 for seven successive years to 1993.

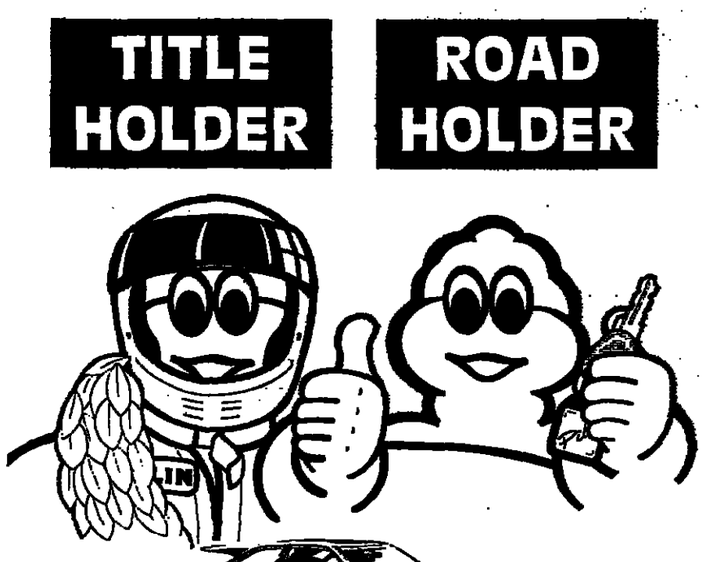
"It was difficult financially in Britain and, if I had stayed, I would have had to work," May said. "I had not won a lot of medals and they did not think I was capable of jumping well."

Now 24, she spends three weeks a month in Formia at the long jump school of Giovanni Tucciarona, the national event coach.

It was, of course, British money that sent May to the 1988 world junior championships, where she met Iapichino. Theirs was a long courtship before their wedding last year, the Italian leg staged in Florence in May and the British leg in Derby in October. May's long jump record may count only in Italy, but her weddings are recognised in two countries.

TITLE HOLDER

ROAD HOLDER



MICHELIN TIGHTENS ITS GRIP ON HISTORIC RALLYING DOUBLE

Michelin Pilot Team Ford took a step nearer a famous British and Irish rallying double last weekend, when Malcolm Wilson and Stephen Finlay came first and second in the Ulster Rally.

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MAKE SURE IT'S A MICHELIN

Family pair make headway

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

AFTER the success of one mother and daughter combination, Brenda and Lynne Whitehead, in the Double Century Sherry English Women's Bowling Association championships at Royal Leamington Spa, it was the turn of Maureen Christmas and her daughter, Jenny Tunbridge, to shine yesterday.

Partnered by Rene Bretherton, Christmas and Tunbridge, who won the pairs for Cambridge Chesterton in 1990, beat Wigton 18-11 and Kingsthorpe 20-15 and qualified for the last 16 of the triples event.

Rosemary Norris, of Norwich County Arts, is as competitive a bowler as you will find, although she admits her attacking shots may not be as forceful as they used to be.

That is not surprising. Three years ago she had a liver transplant but was back at her favourite sport five months later and was skipper of her club triple against Egham yesterday morning.

"We were three shots ahead going into the last end and held two when Doreen Hankin delivered Egham's last bowl," Norris said. "She splashed the jack out to the side of the rink, counted three, and won an umpire's measure for four." Hankin, with her hat at a rakish angle and her heart worn endearingly on her sleeve, is an entertaining player to watch.

"When she started at Merton Park in 1979, she upset some club officials by joining the men for a game and was told off in no uncertain terms," her husband, Peter, recalled. "She was so fed up that she threw her bowls out of the car window when we were driving down Kingston Hill. Later, she calmed down, retrieved her woods and has since become a fanatic."

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WORD WATCHING

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DOLOSITY

(c) Deceitfulness or hidden malice, from the Latin *dolus* craft or deceit; "Al manner of dolosite to you is endited."

ZEGEDINE

(b) A drinking cup or bowl of silver, *szegedin* is the Hungarian original; "Oft we have discoursed over a Zegedine Of Doutte and now and then a pot of wine."

SWAVER

(a) To totter, stagger or sway about, also to decline away from, probably from the Old Norweigan *sveifla* to swing, but also a swetes the swete kynge, and in swoune fallis, Swafres up swiftely, and swetely hwn kysses."

WARROCK

(b) To bind a person (also to girth a horse), from the Old French *warroquier* to bind; "Sir knightis . . . That warlowe ye warrock and wraste. And loke that he brymly be braste."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Rg8+ Kh7; 2. Qg6+! fxg6; 3. fxg6+ Kxg8; 4. f7 mate.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (46647)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (63479482)
9.05 Thundercats (r) (4734208) **9.30 Why Don't You . . . ?** (r) (s) (52598)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2760043) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (6076598)
10.30 Get Your Own Back (r) (1548024) **10.45 The O-Zone**. Pop music magazine (s) (1543579)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2618227) **11.05 Remington Steele**. Private detective series (r) (5894289) **11.55 Cartoon** (6976260)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7670208) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (2156734) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (25651734)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (40802) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (41506821)
1.50 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) (41517937)
2.15 FILM: The Long Hot Summer (1958) starring Orson Welles, Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. A steamy Deep South melodrama directed by Martin Ritt (144314)
4.10 Bananaman (r) (5845109) **4.15 Run the Risk** (r) (s) (9932869) **4.35 The Addams Family** (r). (Ceefax) (7024579)
5.00 Newsround (3372314) **5.10 Ship to Shore**. Episode six. (Ceefax) (s) (9215444)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (896666)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (85)
6.30 Regional news magazines (37)



Anne Paget focuses on wildlife (7.00pm)

7.00 Nature Detectives. Wildlife films made by amateur enthusiasts. (Ceefax) (s) (5685)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (21)
8.00 Gagtag. A joke battle between teams captained by Bob Monkhouse and Frank Skinner. (Ceefax) (s) (1005)
8.30 Crime Limited. (Ceefax) (s) (3840)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3208)
9.30 Chandler and Co. Drama starring Barbara Flynn and Catherine Russell as private detectives specialising in infidelity cases. (Ceefax) (s) (951227)
10.25 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland. The comedian visits Wick, Orkney, Shetland and Aberdeen. (Ceefax) (s) (623289). **Wales**: The Slate 10.55 Linda Mitchell 11.25 Billy Connolly 11.55 Midnight Caller 12.40am-2.10 Film: Beneath the Planet of the Apes
10.55 Midnight Caller. Gary Cole stars as the late-night radio phone-in host. (Ceefax) (s) (441685)
11.45 FILM: Beneath the Planet of the Apes (1970) starring Charlton Heston and James Franciscus. Intelligent sequel to *Planet of the Apes*. Directed by Ted Post (536598)
1.20am Weather (7447574). Ends at **1.25**
2.45-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Channel. Scrambled (96241) **3.15 Legal Network Television**. Scrambled (93154)

BBC2

6.20 Open University (16871821)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (1809918) **8.15 Pinocchio** (r) (9206111) **8.40 Babar** (r) (6250937)
9.05 FILM: The Little Minister (1934, b/w) starring Katharine Hepburn. J.M. Barrie's play directed by Richard Wallace (66993289)
10.50 FILM: The Tuttles of Tahiti (1942, b/w) starring Charles Laughton. South Seas comedy directed by Charles Vidor (9029444)
12.20 A Week to Remember (b/w) (r) (7672666)
12.30 Rediscovery of the World. Australia's Great Barrier Reef (7893444) **1.20 Joshua Jones** (r) (17558937) **1.30 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (83296983) **1.35 Play Golf** (r) (72027444)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You Don't Have To Die**. Eight-year-old Jason talks about his two-year fight against cancer (2111) **2.30 See Hear!** (Ceefax) (s) (98)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1037550) **3.05 In the Garden**. Shrubs that encourage bees and butterflies (r) (8133314) **3.20 Day Out**. On the Stroudwater hills (r) (1057314) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (9104531)
4.00 FILM: Hue and Cry (1947, b/w) starring Alastair Sim. The first of the Ealing comedies directed by Charles Crichton (6953289)
5.20 Golf. Hazel Irvine introduces highlights of the Curtis Cup (s) (6806227)
6.00 FILM: Beneath the 12-Mile Reef (1953) starring Robert Wagner and Terry Moore. Romantic drama, one of the first films in CinemaScope. Directed by Robert D. Webb (75869043)
7.40 A Whole Different Ball Game: Cuban Rebel Ball. (Ceefax) (s) (740111)
8.30 Floyd on Italy: Umbria. (Ceefax) (s) (1482)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. Comedy series starring Gregor Fisher and, tonight, Timothy Spall (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4550)
9.30 One Foot in the Past. Includes Peter York investigating the break-up of Britain's centuries old estates (s) (34192)



Sidelined scientist Robert Jahn (10.00pm)

10.00 Heretic: Robert Jahn. (Ceefax) (s) (97050)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (779005)
11.15 Over the Edge: The Spark. (Ceefax) (s) (220918)
11.45 Animation Now (753937)
11.55 Weather (440424) **12.00-12.30am Spanning Materials**. How technical advances have changed the design of bridges (43593)

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CHOICE

A Whole Different Ball Game: Cuban Rebel Ball
BBC2, 7.40pm

Given that the game was imported from the United States, with whom relations of late have been decidedly less than cordial, the Cuban passion for baseball has a certain irony. Even more curious is that the first world baseball champions should have been England. That was in 1939, since when the distinction has frequently fallen to Cuba. As in many poor countries, sport helps people forget their everyday misery. With economic hardship intensified by the collapse of its former Communist friends in Eastern Europe, Cuba probably needs baseball more than ever. The star players insist that they are not out to make a fortune but to defend the honour of their country. Even so, lucrative offers to play in the United States can be hard to resist.



Jim and Margaret Watson (BBC2, 8.30pm)

Crime Limited
BBC1, 8.30pm

The series highlighting the victims of crime focuses on the Watson family of Glasgow. In 1991 Diane Watson, aged 16, was stabbed to death by a fellow pupil in the school playground. The attacker, Barbara Glover, was found guilty of murder. But for the Watson parents, Jim and Margaret, and Diane's younger brother, Alan, the case was by no means closed. On top of their grief at the loss, they were upset by newspaper articles which tried to blacken Diane's character. The family suffered another tragedy when Alan, who had been very close to his sister, committed suicide. Jim and Margaret Watson have set up a charity for families of murdered children. They hope to provide the help for others which they were unable to get.

Over the Edge: The Spark
BBC2, 11.15pm

The latest offering from the Disability Programmes Unit features Charles Irvine, a young Scot diagnosed eight years ago as HIV positive. He contracted the virus as a result of a one-night stand with someone he had known for some years. He says he knew that gay men were part of a high-risk group but thought it would never happen to him. His first reaction was anger. His most considered thought was to channel that anger to help himself and others in his position. The film follows Irvine on a trip from Manchester to his home town of Glasgow, and highlights the work of Body Positive, of which he is trustee. The emphasis is on living with HIV, not dying from it.

Heretic: Robert Jahn
BBC2, 10.00

Tonight's scientific outcast is Professor Robert Jahn of Princeton University. For 15 years he was Dean of the faculty of engineering until being forced to resign in 1986. The decision had nothing to do with his main speciality, rocket propulsion, but everything to do with a sideline. This was his decision to set up a laboratory to investigate the extra-sensory powers of the human mind. For most scientists psychic research is highly questionable. Steven Weinberg, a Nobel physicist, says if there was anything to parapsychology it would overturn the work of centuries. Jahn retorts that he is expanding science, not trying to subvert it. Meanwhile he battles on, convinced he will eventually reveal the secrets of mind over matter. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (1991111) **9.25 C.O.P.S.** (4732840)
9.50 Mission Top Secret. Episode two of the four-part science fiction story (s) (5648918)
10.20 ITN News (Teletext) (9383376) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9382647)
10.30 FILM: Brief Encounter (1974) starring Richard Burton and Sophia Loren. A disappointing made-for-television remake of David Lean's 1945 classic. Directed by Alan Bridges (56965043) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7669192)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3605840)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (3680531) **1.25 Home and Away**. (Teletext) (16016463)
1.55 Good Advice Comedy series starring Shelley Long (s) (41501376) **2.20 Russell Grant's All Star Show**. With Zsa Zsa Gabor and Michael Praed (73742579) **2.50 The Young Doctors**. Hospital drama (9396840)
3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (1044840) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1043111)
3.30 Wizadora (r) (1057550) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2723753) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (2729937) **4.00 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (1725918) **4.15 Halfway Across the Galaxy** (s) (9918289) **4.40 Children's Ward** (r). (Teletext) (s) (8095622)
5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (3228111)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (499802)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewer access slot (871598)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (53)
6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (55)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (1163)
7.30 Dilly Down Town. Dilly Braimoh explores alternative remedies from London's ethnic communities (s) (89)
8.00 The Bill: Unfinished Business. DI Sally Johnson has reservations about her new DS, Chris Deakin. (Teletext) (6173)
8.30 Take Your Pick. Game show. (Teletext) (5208)



Emma Cunningham, Ronald Pickup (9.00pm)

9.00 Medics. Professor Beaumont (Ronald Pickup) asks Dr Benson (Emma Cunningham) to run some tests on him. (Teletext) (s) (8869)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (97096) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (269753)
10.40 NEW **Just a Minute** hosted by Nicholas Parsons (s) (541753)
11.10 NEW **Capital Lives**. Jimmy, a 55-year-old, decides to marry Janet, a prostitute and single parent. Starring Tom Baker (s) (619734)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (385840)
12.40am The Beat (s) (4629932)
1.40 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (r) (2991241)
2.05 FILM: Operation Madonna (1988) starring Marius Muller-Westernhagen. German-made thriller directed by Hans-Christoph Blumenberg (1899357)
3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (56796)
4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (97845)
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (74512)
5.30 ITN Morning News (48048). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Banana Splits (r) (4800482)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (63753)
9.00 Running the Halls (r). (Teletext) (11753)
9.30 Gamesmaster. Computer games magazine (r) (s) (5653840)
9.55 Saved By the Bell. American high school comedy (r). (Teletext) (5638531)
10.25 The Real World Series about the young people in a New York apartment share (r) (s) (6063024)
10.55 The Legend of White Fang (r) (5215898)
11.20 Tintin. The young Belgian continues his search for the missing statue (r) (5742956)
11.50 Adventures of Super Mario Brothers (r) (5641376)
12.05 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage western adventures starring Clayton Moore (2326376)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Rick Moranis (r) (55802) **1.30 Madeline**. Animation (48395)
2.00 FILM: The Road To Glory (1936, b/w) starring Fredric March, Warner Baxter and Lionel Barrymore. First World War drama about a group of French soldiers in the trenches. Directed by Howard Hawks. (Teletext) (489024)
3.50 How To Be American. A short about a Polish emigrant learning about the American way of life (5702192)
3.55 Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio. Advice on painting clouds and sky (r) (8681482)
4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (42)
5.00 Oprah Gold The guests are women who discovered that the men in their lives were living a lie (r). (Teletext) (s) (9187840)
5.50 Deputy Dawg. Cartoon (854821)
6.00 Batman. (Teletext) (95)
6.30 Phenom. American comedy. (Teletext) (s) (47)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (314579)
7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (561289)
8.00 Classic Cars. Two Londoners visit Los Angeles to see the classic American cars of the 1950s (r). (Teletext) (7043)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (6550)



Barbara Einhorn confronts the past (9.00pm)

9.00 First Sex. The last in the series follows East Berliner Barbara Einhorn on her return to the city to cross swords with the former *Stasi* officer who once interrogated her. (Teletext) (s) (9111)
10.00 FILM: Exclusive (1992) starring Suzanne Somers. A made-for-television thriller about an investigative television journalist on a multiple murder case. With Michael Nouri. Directed by Alan Metzger (431024)
11.45 Big Wave Dave's. Hawaii-based comedy series (s) (247685)
12.15am The Bridge. Drama series set in a Dutch village on the eve of the Second World War. In Dutch with English subtitles (r) (s) (1473609)
1.10 Next Stop Hollywood: Sapphire Man starring Powers Boothe and Nicki Vannice. Drama about a man who becomes obsessed about finding the money he stashed away prior to a prison sentence. Directed by Craig Bolotin (5784593). Ends at **1.40**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45pm** 1FM Roadshow from Cambridge **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Story of Pop: Young, Loud and Snotty **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Martyn Lewis **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Paul Cola **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Celebrity Gossip **7.30** Hayes Over Britain: Call 071-306 0222 **9.00** Spotlight on . . . Yvonne Printemps: See Choice **10.00** Mr Finchley Takes the Road **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen, including at **6.55** and **7.55** the 5 Live Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Inside Edge, presented by Jonathan Legard **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.00** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin: in German, including Tips für Touristen **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Rock Salad **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** In a Word **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Sex in Pop **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Pop Science **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack: Hit List **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **3.45** Music As It Was **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell in German **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** World News **1.10** British News **1.15** Concert Hall **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Sound Business **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Joan Thirkettle **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Bloch (Violin Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert. Kodály (Suite, Háry János: Hungarian State SO under Adam Fischer); Ireland (Scherzo and Cortège on themes from *Julius Caesar*. LSO under Richard Hickox); Strauss (Don Juan: Dresden State Orchestra); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica: Hanover Band) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00 [illegible] and Jono **10.00** Richard [illegible] Graham Dene **4.00** [illegible] **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** [illegible] **1.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 10.30 Bananas in Pyjamas (3169735) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5573753) **11.00** Ox Tales (5740598) **11.25** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5743685) **11.55** The Munsters Today (1826395) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (41501376) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9396840) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3228111) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (564227) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (89) **10.40** Laughing Gas (541753) **11.10** Married with Children (905043) **11.35** Prisoner Cell Block H (393869) **12.35am** The Lady from Yesterday (678845) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5827932) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (7282154) **4.15** Jobfinder (1406609) **4.55** Curtis Calls (20220280) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (74512)

CENTRAL

As London except: 10.30 Bananas in Pyjamas (3169735) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5573753) **11.00** Ox Tales (5740598) **11.25** The Munsters Today (7896005) **11.50** Deepwater Haven (9991956) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (41501376) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9396840) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3228111) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (564227) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (89) **10.40** Married with Children (541753) **11.10** Tour of Duty (309395) **12.10am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9639970) **12.30-12.40** Night Shift (3791048) **4.00-5.30** Jobfinder (3010406)

HTV WEST

As London except: 10.30 Disney's Time Flyer (15284840) **12.05pm-12.20** Cartoon Time (9288395) **1.55-2.20** De Medici Kitchen (41501376) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9396840) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (3228111) **5.55** Home and Away (885550). **6.25-7.00** HTV News (564227) **7.30-8.00** The Country Set (89) **10.40-11.40** The Equalizer (176869) **12.35am** The Lady from Yesterday (676845) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5827932) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (7282154) **4.15** Jobfinder (1406609) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (74512)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (564227) **7.30-8.00** National Eisteddfod 1994 (89)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Time Flyer (56965043) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (41501376) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9396840) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3228111) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (53) **6.30-7.00** A Taste of the South (55) **7.30-8.00** Summer Piers (89) **10.40** Ambulance! (541753) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (688314) **12.05am-12.40** Sledge Hammer (6275067) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (74512)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 10.30 Disney's Time Flyer (15284840) **12.05pm-12.20** Cartoon Time (9288395) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (41501376) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3228111) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (564192) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (55) **7.30-8.00** Action Time (89) **10.40** A Family of Spies (81374005) **12.20am** Kojak (2386951) **1.15** The Little Picture Show (125898) **2.15** Sport AM (925690) **3.15** Sandie Shaw - Live From London (5237715) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (1359406)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (72030918) **2.25** Russell Grant's All Star Show (73734550) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (8758482) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3228111) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (26173) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounters (89) **10.40** Westcountry Focus: The West at Work (541753) **11.10-11.40** Billy (619734) **12.35am** The Lady from Yesterday (676845) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5827932) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (7282154) **4.15** Jobfinder (1406609) **4.55** Curtis Calls (20220280) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (74512)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 10.30 Disney's Time Flyer (15284840) **12.05pm-12.20** Cartoon Time (9288395) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (41501376) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3228111) **5.55** Calendar (564192) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (55) **7.30-8.00** Action Time (89) **10.40** A Family of Spies (81374005) **12.20am** Kojak (2386951) **1.15** The Little Picture Show (125898) **2.15** Sport AM (925690) **3.15** Sandie Shaw - Live From London (5237715) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (1359406)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (63753) **9.00** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Nedd: Brecwast A r Bedwar (11753) **9.30** Gamesmaster (45208) **10.00** Saved By Bell (37840) **10.30** The Real World (17937) **11.00** The Legend Of White Fang (9482) **11.30** The Adventures Of Tintin (1814550) **11.50** The Adventures Of Super Mario Brothers (5650024) **12.00pm** The Long Ranger (47519) **12.30** Sesame Street (55802) **1.30** Garden Club (48395) **2.00** Secrets Of The Moor (4579) **2.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Nedd Tws Y (49734) **4.00** Museum (7219280) **4.10** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9501840) **5.00** Happy Days (8531) **5.30** Countdown (82) **6.00** Newyddion (212821) **6.20** Heno (547550) **7.00** Jacpot (8395) **7.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Nedd Y Llwyfan Mwy (78591) **8.30** Newyddion (8550) **9.00** Lacyris Olsons (216550) **9.35** Dim Ond Celf (375005) **10.05** Brookside (611444) **10.35** Eisteddfod Bubble Gum (540024) **11.05** Film. Liar Liar (754647)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: The Music of Sir Arthur Sullivan **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Takemitsu (The Game of Love: Shin-Yu Kai Choir under Shin Sekiya); J.A. Scheibe (Sinfonia à 16 in D: Concerto Copenhagen under Andrew Manze); Bach (Three-part Inventions Nos 1-4, BWV 787-90: Ton Koopman, harpsichord); **8.05** Lutoslawski (Paganini Variations: Peter Jablonski, piano); Dvořák (Nocturne in B, Op 40: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra); Chausson (Soir de fête; Op 32: Orchestre Symphonique de la RTBF under José Serebrier)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Dvořák (Four Choruses, Op 29; Serenade for string orchestra, Op 22; Five Moravian Duets)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mairi Nicolson, including Glière (Symphonic Poem, The Sirens: BBC Philharmonic under Sachio Fujioka); **10.18** *Artist of the Week*: Philip Pickett directs Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F, BWV 1047); **11.40** Anon (Stella splendens); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G, BWV 1048)
12.00 Music Restored: Rose Consort of Viols, with Timothy Roberts, organ, play five- and six-part viol consort setts to the organ by William Lawes and John Hingeston (r)
1.00pm The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor: Timothy Hugh); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A)
2.25 BBC Singers under Bo Holten, with James O'Donnell, organ, perform a concert of choral music by Nicolas Gombert, Monteverdi, Frescobaldi and Giovanni Gabrieli
3.40 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs Haydn (Symphony No 86 in D); Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat, Spring)
5.00 The Music Machine: The musical heritage of Ireland (r)
5.15 In Tune: Music, news and interviews, including music by Elgar
7.30 BBC Proms 1994: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Lucy Shelton, soprano, BBC SO under Oliver Knussen performs Stravinsky (Ode); Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); Alexander Goehr (Colossos or Panic). **8.25** From Whitman to Woodstock: Michael Goldfarb explores the quintessential spirit of America. **8.55** Oliver Knussen (Whitman Settings); Stravinsky (Symphony in Three Movements)
9.30 Inherit the Truth: Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, cellist in the orchestra at Auschwitz, recalls life in the Nazi death camp (r)
9.50 Martin Roscoe plays Karen Markham (Piano Sonata); Beethoven (Sonata in F minor, Op 57, Appassionata); Debussy (L'Isle joyeuse) (r)
10.45 Take Lenin from the Money: Historian John Klier searches St Petersburg for evidence of the official cult of Lenin (r)
11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Penelope Walmsley-Clark, soprano, performs Delius (In a Summer Garden); Martin Dalby (Cantata, John Clare's Vision); Debussy (Printemps)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day, with Christina Rees
8.40 Just William: Martin Jarvis reads *Violet Elizabeth Runs Away*, by Richmal Crompton **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Robin Lustig: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 News; My Father's Land: In the first of two programmes, Sally Magnusson travels to Iceland, where her father, Magnus, was born
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Children's Radio 4: Charlotte Sometimes **(LW only)**, by Penelope Farmer. Deborah Findlay reads the final part
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sarah Dunant meets Hilary Strong, director of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Serial: *With One Lousy Free Packet of Seed*. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 News; You and Yours, presented by John Howard
12.25pm It's Your Round: Peter White chairs the pub quiz in which the Greyhound in Ipswich takes on the Horse and Groom in Felixstowe
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Virtual Radio, by Andrew Dallmeyer. As Bob's entire life is devoted to the escapist world of virtual reality, what will happen when the bailiffs arrive? With Stephen Tompkinson and Jennie Stoller
2.30 A Night at the Opera: The novelist Carol Clewlow talks to Monty Haltrecht about her enthusiasm for opera
3.00 Anderson Country, hosted by Gerry Anderson
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: The Tour. Quentin Cooper visits the 40th Sidmouth International Festival of Folk Arts
4.45 Short Story: A New England Nun, by Mary E. Wilkins
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Jane and Prudence, by Barbara Pym With Penelope Wilton and Rebecca Front (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Mark Whitaker reports on whether the Palestinians have swapped a military occupation for an economic one as the price of peace with Israel
8.00 Science Now: Alun Lewis talks to scientists about the manufacture of new medicines and pesticides from well-known plants (r)
8.30 First Person Singular: See Choice
9.00 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Foreign Parts, by Janice Galloway. Siobhan Redmond reads the fourth of seven episodes
11.00 Mediumwave: Media magazine presented by Joanna Coles (r)
11.30 The Heritage Quiz: Sue MacGregor quizzes Christopher Cook, Patrick Greene, Philippa Gregory and Jeremy Sams (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

First Person Singular. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*

Edward Blishen's anthology of reminiscences about his and other people's aunts and uncles offer half an hour of affectionate fun-poking. They are, he says, an introduction to the fact and range of human oddity. We already know about *Cold Comfort Farm*'s Aunt Doom, never the same since she saw something nasty in the woodshed. And now, thanks to Blishen, we know about Beryl Bainbridge's aunts who panted and struggled to free themselves from their corsets, and V.S. Pritchett's Great Uncle Arthur and his great yellow teeth that were fit to bite through nails.

Spotlight on Yvonne Printemps. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Printemps, the French-born star of stage and screen operetta, is generously lauded in Michael Alexander's biography. I prefer his tribute ("she did not so much sing as breathe melody") to Francis Poulenc's ("she was literally divine"). I fell in love with Yvonne Printemps when she played opposite her second husband, Pierre Fresnay, in *La Valse de Paris*. Sadly, we do not hear anything from the soundtrack of that fanciful life of Offenbach. **Peter Davalle**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (70269918) **9.10** Cartoons (1875666) **9.30** Card Sharks (1973482) **9.55** Concentration (1958173) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (3033647) **10.30** Love at First Sight (66227) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (80444) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (57579) **12.30pm** E Street (67444) **1.00** Falcon Crest (95227) **2.00** Hart to Hart (63289) **3.00** Another World (4007685) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6224482) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8314) **6.00** The Simpsons (4227) **6.30** Blockbusters (5579) **7.00** E Street (9043) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4463) **8.00** Glory Enough for All (27840) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (13647) **11.00** Late Show (571685) **11.45** V (472579) **12.45-1.45am** Hill Street Blues (689777)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (97395) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (94598) **10.30** Nightline (64869) **11.30** Japan Business Today (81550) **1.30** CBS News (97685) **2.30** Parliament, live (4840) **3.15** Parliament, live continued (4093482) **4.30** World News and Business (1376) **7.30** Target (2005) **9.30** Talkback (78550) **11.30** CBS News (82314) **12.30am** ABC News (50319) **1.00** Newswatch (19715) **1.30** Target (10932) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (89048) **3.30** Talkback (73488) **4.30** Target (90680) **5.30-6.00** CBS News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase
10.00 California Man (1992): High school students discover a neolithic man (61260)
12.00 Bloomfield (1969): Israel-based football drama with Richard Harris (60192)
2.00pm Rio Shannon (1992): Family drama starring Blair Brown (37227)
4.00 The Accidental Golfer (1991) Swedish golfing comedy (8078)
6.00 California Man (as 10am) (12192)
7.30 Close-Up: Joe Pesci. The actor talks about his career (9531)
8.00 Dead Before Dawn (1993): Cheryl Ladd takes her own death (29208)
10.00 Final Analysis (1992). Psychological murder thriller with Richard Gere and Kim Basinger (18290753)
12.05am Homicide (1991). David Mamet's taut drama about a Jewish cop investigating an anti-Semitic murder (252154)
1.50 Younger and Younger (1993) Donald Sutherland plays a womanising husband who gets his comeuppance (452628)
3.25 Lambada (1990). A man carries on a dual life of respectable teacher and seedy dance tutor (31764338). Ends at **5.05**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

8.00pm Kiss Me Deadly (1955, b/w). Cult classic about private eye Mike Hammer. With Ralph Meeker and Cloris Leachman (19869)
8.00 Man of the West (1958): A former gunman reluctantly agrees to one last job With Gary Cooper (14314)
10.00 Fast Times at Ridgemont High (1982) Cult comedy about teenagers at a California school. With Sean Penn (73579) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Ali Baba. Animation (82463)
7.00 Alice in Wonderland (1966). Cartoon version of Lewis Carroll's story (42482)
8.00 The Emperor's New Clothes: Animated version of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale (43111)
9.00 Kidnapped Robert Louis Stevenson's seafaring adventure (28753)
10.00 You and Me and Uncle Bob (1992). Family drama about a matchmaking youngster (69802)
12.00 A River Runs Through It (as 8pm) (42373444)
2.10pm Ivanhoe (1986): Animated version of Walter Scott's medieval yarn (1632127)
3.05 Frank Enstein: Children's film (5136685)
4.00 Bitter Springs (1950, b/w). Australian settlers clash with Aborigines (1260)
6.00 The Emperor's New Clothes (as 8am) (68173)
7.00 Kidnapped (as 9am) (30314)
8.00 A River Runs Through It (1992). Two antagonistic brothers grow up in turn-of-the-century Montana. With Brad Pitt, Craig Sheffer; Robert Redford directs (62969840)
10.10 The Last Boy Scout (1991) Murder thriller set in the world of football. With Bruce Willis (337869)
11.55 The Player (1992): Robert Altman's savage satire of the Hollywood film industry With Tim Robbins (10099956)
2.00am Cool World (1992). Gabriel Byrne finds himself caught up in a cartoon universe (512845)

3.45 Wild Texas Wind (1991) A singer's career is jeopardised by her manager's murder With Dolly Parton (72244086) Ends at **5.15**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am WWF Wrestling Mania (62260) **8.00** NBA Basketball (63227) **8.30** Windsurfing (62598) **9.00** Soccer's Entertainers (46550) **9.30** Aerobics (72463) **10.00** International Tennis (92227) **12.00** Aerobics (66314) **12.30pm** High Five (83579) **1.00** Motorsport (71734) **2.00** International Darts (274482) **5.00** Baseball '94 (5127) **5.30** Soccer's Entertainers (8444) **6.00** WWF Wrestling Superstars (91598) **7.00** Major League Baseball (56260) **8.30** Get Your Handicap Down (8956) **9.00** International Darts (53289) **11.00** Soccer's Entertainers (25918) **11.30** Golf Tips (93444) **12.00-1.00am** Watersports World (56154)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (31192) **8.00** Eurogolf (98685) **9.00** Equestrianism (48192) **10.30** Athletics (11686) **12.00** Football (80482) **1.00pm** Free Climbing (66802) **2.00** Eurofun (4753) **2.30** Speedworld (61127) **4.30** Formula 3000 (89647) **5.30** Football (62444) **6.30** News (4005) **7.00** Athletics (801024) **10.00** Football (75685) **11.30** Snooker (11840) **12.00-12.30am** News (18845)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (7845802) **7.30** Neighbours (7864937) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7517802) **8.30** EastEnders (7516173) **9.00** The Bill (7530753) **9.30** Hannay (6781005) **10.30** Big Deal (56789314) **11.35** The Sullivans (57572463) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7527289) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6323937) **1.00** EastEnders (7844173) **1.30** The Bill (6322208) **2.00** Shelley (7933376) **2.30** The Mistress (3152227) **3.00** Knots Landing (3508482) **4.00** Dynasty (3594289) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4021005) **5.40** Goodies (6858227) **5.55** Sykes (1033821) **6.30** EastEnders (3144208) **7.00** The Mistress (7937192) **7.30** George and Mildred (3133192) **8.00** Rosie (7946840) **8.30** Shelley (7932647) **9.00** The Sweeney (1676260) **10.00** The Bill (7528918) **10.30** Naked Video (3333598) **11.10** Thunderbirds (2139734) **12.10am** Dr Who (2336048) **12.40** FILM Escape from Fort Bravo (1953): American Civil War prison drama. With William Holden (2005609) **2.30-3.00** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Droobee Time (73753) **7.00** Spiff and Hercules (6226111) **7.15** Pastagums (6009192) **7.30** Casper (33821) **8.00** Pingu (7003598) **8.05** Head to Head (7086821) **8.15** Rude Dog (2749444) **8.30** Beverly Hills Teens (48276) **9.00** Bobby's World (7447918) **9.25** Around the World in 80 Minutes (9830173) **10.00** Twins of Destiny (20685) **10.30** Runaway Bay (86192) **11.00** Chuckle Club (75937) **11.30** Sea Monkeys (76656) **12.00** Hour of Power (77444) **12.30pm** New Fantastic Four (27937) **1.00** Guitars and Roses (59685) **1.30** Swan's Crossing (26208) **2.00** Barney (1685) **2.30** Cities of Gold (9956) **3.00** Garfield (2032) **3.30** Head to Head in 3 D (8868685) **3.40** Summer Crunch (6067005) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (9192)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Pondles (60802) **8.00** Hero Turtles (61869) **8.30** Chipmunks (53840) **9.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (44192) **9.30** Clarissa (70005) **10.00** Rocko/Garbage Pail Kids (95802) **10.30** Denver (40376) **11.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (31579) **11.30** Smoggies (32208) **12.00** Nick Faves (64956) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (74821) **1.00** Chipmunks (24802) **1.30** Chroma Zone (12208) **2.30** Garbage Pail Kids (5596) **3.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (6734) **3.30** Viewers' Choice (9753) **4.00** Hero Turtles (9560) **4.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (5734) **5.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8579) **5.30** Land of the Lost (9314) **6.00** Clarissa (6227) **6.30-7.00** Roundhouse

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Global Family (3134821) **4.30** Waterways: Ireland's rivers and canals (3130005) **5.00** Real West (2772937) **5.55** California Off-beat (1476821) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (7902579) **7.00** Deep Probe (1685918) **8.00** Space Age (1684666) **9.00** The X-planes (3514043) **9.30** Choppers (6334043) **10.00** First Tuesday: Tracking criminals on the New York subway (1684289) **11.00** Australia Wild (3586280) **11.30-12.00** An African Ride, Zimbabwe (2206192)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. The Weak and the Wicked (1954, b/w): Women's prison drama starring Glynis Johns, Diana Dors (2224598) **2.00pm** The Partridge Family (7928444) **2.30** Get Smart (3147395) **3.00** My Three Sons (7947579) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (3142840) **4.00** FILM. Pacific Destiny (1956) Colonialist Denholm Elliot fights an uprising in the South Pacific (7941395) **6.00** Hogan's Heroes (3148024) **6.30** The Time Tunnel (7258463) **7.30** Honey West (3128260) **8.00** The Avengers (1681192) **9.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (3518869) **9.30** FILM The Best of Times (1985). Robin Williams plays a man obsessed with replaying a school football game (4329839) **11.30-12.00** The Green Hornet (2200918)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4251208) **7.00** Living (3809685) **8.00** Days of Our Lives (8627937) **8.55** Italian Regional Cookery (2813550) **9.25** Mr Motivator (5209258) **9.30** Now You See It (7028802) **10.00** Trivia Trap (9627078) **10.30** Crosswits (2315014) **11.00** Definition (4736956) **11.30** The Young and the Restless (1095289) **12.30pm** Yoga (29049482) **12.45** Kilroy (7286685) **1.30** Your Child (7038289) **2.00** Agony Hour (8277537) **3.00** Living (9117956) **3.45** Gladrags (81917918) **4.00** Infatuation (7798821) **4.30** Definition (7765005) **5.00** Musquest (4528685) **5.30** Delia Smith (7709685) **6.00** FILM: A Ghost in Monte Carlo (1990) Adaptation of a Barbara Cartland romance (98470482) **7.40** Gladrags and Glamour (3946598) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7760734) **9.00** FILM. Working Girls (1986): A day in the life of a Manhattan prostitute (48276598) **10.45** Enjoy! (4154840) **11.00** Infatuation (4728937) **11.30-12.00** Housecalls (7722442)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (2937) **5.30** African Skies (6424) **6.00** WKRP (1735) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (1937) **7.00** All Clued Up (2173) **7.30** All Together Now (1591) **8.00** Harts of the West (83444) **9.00** Neon Rider (79668) **10.00** Pyramid Game (78173) **10.30** Newhart (87821) **11.00** Lou Grant (36734) **12.00-1.00am** Remington (81864)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wild Side (916086) **8.00** VJ (427647) **11.00** Soul (57227) **12.00** Greatest Hits (20882) **1.00pm** Summertime (298802) **3.30** The Report (8859395) **3.45** At the Movies (8847550) **4.00** News (3606192) **4.15** Three From One (3839043) **4.30** Dial (1550) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (25753) **6.30** Sports (3395) **7.00** Greatest Hits (79622) **8.00** Most Wanted (51531) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (52901) **10.00** The Report (237666) **10.15** At the Movies (225821) **10.30** News (495163) **10.45** Three From One (446668) **11.00** Rock Block (48753) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (90222) **2.00-5.00** Videos (5099319)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (77579) **7.00** Asian Morning (43024) **9.00** Serial (99289) **10.00** Bengali FILM (172685) **1.00pm** Chou Si Dunya (46111) **1.30** Hindi FILM (88531) **3.00** Pakistani FILM: Shikwa (681598) **5.30-6.00** Dedications (9314) **7.00** Haveli (10) (1043) **7.30** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (6463) **8.00** English News (630043) **8.15** Hindi FILM (42089727) **11.15** Waqt (847005) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (9865338) **1.35** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Clowning Around
7.00pm George Washington Slept Here (1942, b/w). New Yorkers Jack Benny and Ann Sheridan move to the country (32623956)
8.40 The Long, Long Trailer (1954): Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz play newly-weds on a chaotic honeymoon (91411918)
10.25 Village of Daughters (1962): A salesman stumbles on an Italian village devoid of young men. With Eric (41232173)
12.05am Sons O'Guns (1936, b/w) A Broadway dancer is an accidental recruit to the army With Joan Blondell (16177932)
1.35 Speak Easily (1932, b/w). A stuffy professor inherits the rights to a musical With Buster Keaton and Jimmy Durante (46149965)
3.10 Meet the Baron (1933, b/w): A simple-minded tell-tale is mistaken for Baron Munchhausen. Comedy with Jimmy Durante (74292048). Ends at **4.20**

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TCCB to ignore committee report

Cricket carries unfair burden into TV battle

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CRICKET sets out today to change its age-old image of the nice guys with no money through the most competitive scrap for television rights the game has staged. Such are the entrenched positions of all concerned that it will not be resolved without acrimony and bitterness.

It is the aim of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to exploit the game's heightened public profile as never before. They are seeking a figure of around £40 million for the three-year contract to screen England's matches at home and abroad and, judged by the prices commanded recently by other sports, they should be confident.

But as the process enters its crucial phase this morning, with the first of four channels presenting its case, cricket is negotiating under an unfair handicap. The recent report of the National Heritage Committee (NHC) recommended that Test cricket should remain on terrestial television as one of eight "listed events", a massive blow to the game's bargaining power.

An instant reaction was to assume that the BBC would retain the rights, and for a figure not only well below the notional market value but even below what they would otherwise have been bound to offer. A relative pittance, in fact. But the TCCB is not yet resigned to the losses it will suffer if this recommendation becomes law.

Official dismay over the NHC verdict has been strong enough for cricket to call on its friends in high places. Yesterday, I was told that "representations have been made at the highest government level". This means precisely what it says. John Major has been spending a good deal of time at Lord's and the Oval and his prime ministerial ears are undoubtedly burning.

Cricket's quarrel against the "listing" is two-fold. First, it embraces up to 60 days' Test cricket, home and away, each calendar year. This compares, for instance, with 90 minutes for the FA Cup final, a weekend of tennis for the Wimbledon finals and a mere 2½ frenetic minutes while the Derby is run.

While the other listed events all generate healthy competition between the terrestial channels, cricket was an acknowledged BBC province until satellite and cable came along. Although ITV, slightly surprisingly, is in the four-way fight this time alongside the BBC, Sky and Wire TV, its chief interest is thought to be in a nightly highlights package.

The stance of the TCCB is to ignore the NHC until and unless it becomes impossible. Thus, its six-man sub-committee, headed by Brian Downing, the chairman of Surrey, reserves the right to award the contract to Sky or Wire — the cable channel that has already acquired the 1996 cricket World Cup — if it sees fit.



Boycott: pitch report led to BBC scoring own goal

Downing's committee, which includes Ian Maclaurin, the chairman of Tesco, offers an interesting mix of cricket and marketing input and, having already given an hour-long slide presentation to the competing channels, they must now weigh up the bids on various issues.

Money is only one of them — and, some would say, not the most compelling. Editorial scope and creativity will be considered, so that a channel offering regular magazine programmes on the game will be looked on favourably, as will one guaranteeing to put out the nightly highlights at a more agreeable hour than the BBC have regularly managed.

The BBC has scored two untimely own goals this summer, switching to a first-round match at Wimbledon while the Lord's Test against New Zealand was into an exciting last session and then missing the historic entrance of South Africa's batsmen on the first morning of their series by showing Geoffrey Boycott's pitch report. Such gaffes will count against them, and rightly so.

Technical excellence and commentary teams will be factors, too, but the most contentious areas will be audience spread and advertising. It is here that the BBC will play their best cards.

The argument of availability to all never convinces me. Nowadays, after all, satellite is hardly the exclusive medium of the affluent. Quality and reliability must be the measurements of this suit and, if Sky or Wire are to make a persuasive case, there must be guarantees about the volume and placement of commercials. Darting off to advertisements as soon as the last ball of each over is delivered is not only infuriating, it is unprofessional.

Downing's committee will also seek assurances about their national heritage — the game as it is loved by millions. So, no coloured clothes for Test cricket, no cameras in umpires' caps and no fundamental changes in how and when the matches are played.

Even Downing cannot predict the outcome. Sky will offer the most money, the BBC the breadth and security, and an amalgam between ITV and Wire cannot be discounted. If parliament does not intervene, English cricket ought to be the major winner when the rights are decided early next month.



The verdict is keenly awaited as a measure is taken in hotly contested proceedings during the triples at the English Women's Bowling Association national championships on the greens of Leamington Spa yesterday. Photograph: John Potter. Report, page 42

Ambitious Tottenham fail to lure Santos

BY ALYSON RUDD

JÜRGEN Klinsmann, the Germany international, flew into London, briefly, yesterday for his medical at Tottenham Hotspur. He may be fit to play English football but he was not yet ready to face the English media.

He is, however, expected to return to White Hart Lane on Thursday to detail what he expects from the Premiership.

Tottenham fans will in turn be expecting much from Klinsmann, who signed from Monaco for £2 million. His arrival, together with the Romania World Cup star, Ilie Dumitrescu, signed from Steaua Bucharest, has boosted morale at the club, which was docked six Premiership points by the Football Association for financial irregularities.

Initial reaction to the signings has been such that Tottenham are unlikely to cope with demand for tickets at White Hart Lane, where attendance capacity will be limited by rebuilding to 23,000 until Christmas. A far more daunting task, though, will be the club's planned court action to reverse the FA's decision to ban the north London club from the FA Cup this season.

Tottenham missed out on their third World Cup target yesterday when the Brazil centreback, Marcio Santos, signed for the Italian club, Fiorentina. Santos, previously with the French club, Bordeaux, passed a medical yesterday and signed for Fiorentina in a deal reportedly worth £2 million.

Fiorentina, who have returned to Serie A after a season in the second division, said the defender was flying to Brazil last night and would report back for pre-season training on August 10.

"Fiorentina were really interested in me and I want to live up to their expectations," Santos told the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper. "The league will be tough, but I'm not scared. I'm willing to work hard."

Osvaldo Ardiles, the Spurs manager, still has money to spend, but Steve Perryman, the assistant manager, has ruled out a £3 million bid for Jamie Redknapp, of Liverpool. There is little doubt that an inquiry into the England Under-21 midfield player's availability has been made, but Perryman said: "There is nothing in it. Redknapp is a very good player, but to say we have made a move for him is overstating the case."

Meanwhile, Spurs have cleared the way to transfer Vinny Samways by agreeing a £2.2 million fee with Everton for the midfield player. The former England Under-21 player demanded a move during the summer, but the Everton manager, Mike Walker's, initial £1.5 million offer was rejected.

Now Walker has increased his bid for the 25-year-old and a Tottenham official confirmed: "We have agreed a fee of £2.2 million with Everton. Vinny is talking to them and it's up to him."

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Saxton leaves allegations and England behind

John Goodbody reports on an unexpected return to top-level competition for a controversial weightlifter



Saxton: sent home

ANDREW Saxton, the British weightlifter who was sent home from the 1992 Olympic Games for alleged drugs abuse, will be competing in the Commonwealth Games this month — for Australia. Saxton, 27, who was born in Australia, will be defending the Commonwealth title he won representing England four years ago.

Wally Holland, the secretary of the British Amateur Weightlifters Association (BAWLA), said yesterday: "I was asked two or three months ago whether Andrew could represent Australia, where he had been living for much of the time since Barcelona. We would not stand in the way of him lifting for anyone else, particularly for a country where he was born.

"We wish him the best of luck in Victoria. Representing Australia in these Games does not preclude him from lifting for Britain at the 1996 Olympics, although I understand his intention is to stop out in Perth."

The scandal in Barcelona, the biggest affecting Britain in the 96 years of the modern Olympics, saw Saxton, now a 99kg class lifter, and Andrew Davies, the 1990 world championship heavyweight silver medal-winner, sent home. However, both were subsequently exonerated by the BAWLA and have continued competing.

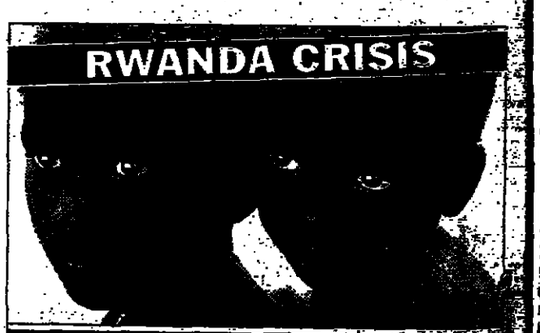
Holland said that he did not believe Davies would be representing Wales at the Commonwealth Games: "He did not lift either in the British championships in June or in the Welsh championships last month," he said.

Both Saxton, who last week was visiting his parents in Oxford, and Davies say they have suffered emotional harm as a result of being sent home from Barcelona. It is understood they are taking legal action but are now likely to target the drugs-control unit of the Sports Council instead of the British Olympic Association, both to clear their names and obtain possible damages.

Saxton and Davies were both found positive in out-of-competition tests carried out by the Sports Council. They had taken clenbuterol, known as "dopers' delight" because it is both a stimulant and an anabolic agent in animals.

It is licensed in Germany, but not in Britain, as a drug for treating asthma, a condition from which Saxton suffers and for which he was undergoing medical treatment at the time of the test. Saxton gave clenbuterol to Davies when the Welshman complained of a "tight chest". It is debatable whether clenbuterol was a banned substance at the time the pair were tested. The Sports Council says that it was covered by a catch-all phrase — "and related compounds" — in the drugs-testing protocol.

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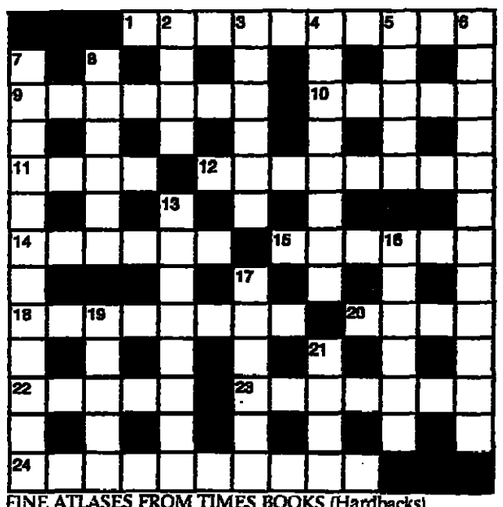
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No 230

ACROSS
1 Arrest decline (4,3,3)
9 Cloth worn round sleeve (7)
10 Make disapproving (henlike) tongue noise (5)
11 Carry; betting operation (4)
12 Salve (8)
14 Further than (6)
15 Put on spit (6)
18 Giving permission (8)
20 *Space Odyssey* film (4)
22 Supply provisions (5)
23 Document accompanying shipment (7)
24 Proverbial place of comfort (4,6)

DOWN
2 Board for carrying (4)
3 Mixture of two languages (6)
4 Public (huge) sacrifice (8)
5 Cheek powder (5)
6 Sally forth for combat (4,3,5)
7 Free rein (5,7)
8 Mildly obscene (6)
13 In ignorance (8)
16 Specimen of male beauty (6)
17 Respond (6)
19 Plant of forgetfulness; water-lily (5)
21 Cattle shed (4)

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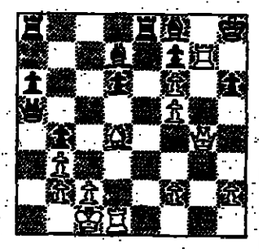
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This position is a variation from the game Stean – Schneider, Haifa 1976. Here White has the chance to force checkmate with a brilliant sacrificial combination. Can you see how?



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By Philip Howard

DOLOSITY
a. Sadness
b. Hardness
c. Deceitfulness

ZEGEDINE
a. A wind instrument
b. A drinking cup
c. A native of the Sahara

SWAVER
a. To stagger
b. A town crier
c. To rule

WARROCK
a. Mythical troll-like beast
b. To bind
c. A form of heavy metal

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